



# We're taking the bubbles back!

**Bubbles should be a joyful experience for children. So should learning.**

**Instead, we have children learning to fill in bubbles.**

We oppose high-stakes standardized "bubble" tests which dictate school curriculum and undermine the full, rich education all children deserve.

Children are individual vessels **ready to be filled with the magic and joy of learning.** The bubble tests have turned them into data sets.

Teachers are education professionals prepared to provide **rich instructional experiences in a comprehensive curriculum.** The bubble tests have turned them into "outcome managers" charged with raising scores on tests covering a narrow group of skills.

Parents care about **the whole child,** and we reject the bubble tests which have driven out so many of the nurturing, creative, stimulating school experiences that motivate children to learn.

The high-stakes test bubble has burst. It's time for bubble tests to be over. Instead, **education should bubble over with the strengths, interests, and personalities of each student.**

Let learning bubble over with life.

Join our network working to help create an education that focuses on students as people not numbers.

Opt-in: Go to <http://bubbleover.net> to help take the bubbles back.

Opt-out: Fill in the form on the back of this sheet and take it to your school.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Re: High-stakes standardized test opt-out

Dear Principal,

After careful consideration, I have decided that I do not wish for my child, \_\_\_\_\_, to take the \_\_\_\_\_ standardized test for this school year. I am aware of other parents in the United States, including Illinois, who have opted their children out of such tests. For the well-being of my child, I wish to do the same. My child should be promoted to the next grade on the basis of his/her daily classroom work and assessments whereby my child receives encouragement and constructive feedback from a thoughtful teacher who looks to the interests of the whole child.

Please contact me if further discussion is needed. Thank you for your continued hard work and dedication to our school.

Sincerely,

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