

More Than A Score



WHAT LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCILS CAN DO TO CHALLENGE THE MISUSE AND OVERUSE OF STANDARDIZED TESTS

Learn more about standardized testing.

- Check out the More Than a Score web site (www.morethanascorechicago.org) for resources to share with your school's parents, teachers and community.
- Download user-friendly fact sheets about a wide range of testing issues on the FairTest web site (www.fairtest.org), on the testing resources page of PURE's site (www.pureparents.org/?p=20004), and from CReATE (local university researchers, www.createchicago.org).

Hold a parent and/or community meeting where people can talk about testing. Ask teachers, education experts, More Than a Score or other group representatives to speak, and invite your local newspaper (see FairTest's media toolkit http://fairtest.org/get_involved/media for pointers)

Vote to sign the National Resolution on High-stakes Testing, and/or vote on your own resolution. Join the more than 80% of school boards in Texas and dozens in Florida and other states that have passed resolutions challenging high-stakes standardized testing, along with 11,000 individuals and 400 national organizations. Sign on to the National Resolution here: <http://timeoutfromtesting.org/nationalresolution/> and/or vote on your own resolution (suggested versions attached).

Send or bring a copy of your adopted testing resolution to your local, state and federal legislators.

Pass the More Than a Score petition in your school. The petition (attached) asks CPS to:

- Eliminate standardized testing in grades K-2nd grade and greatly reduce it in all other grades.
- End the use of standardized testing data to evaluate students and teachers and close schools.
- Fully disclose the cost, schedule, nature and purpose of all standardized tests.

Get more involved with More Than a Score:

- Send an LSC rep to our meetings and attend MTAS forums and events.
- Like us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/MoreThanAScoreChicago>) and follow us on Twitter (<http://tinyurl.com/cgan2sk>)
- Join our MTAS list serve (<http://lists.pureparents.org/listinfo.cgi/chicagotestingresistance-pureparents.org>)

Consider carefully any budget expenditures for test preparation materials and programs. Your school's discretionary funds are precious and might be better used for enrichment programs and other areas of learning which may have been reduced due to the pressures of standardized testing.