

Welcome to Opt Out Washington...



**Why & How to Protect Your Kids
from the SBAC Test Monster**

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What is the SBAC Test?

The SBAC test is a high stakes, high failure rate test That will be required In Washington state In Spring 2015 for All 3rd Grade, 4th Grade 5th Grade, 6th Grade, 7th Grade, 8th Grade & 11th Grade students.

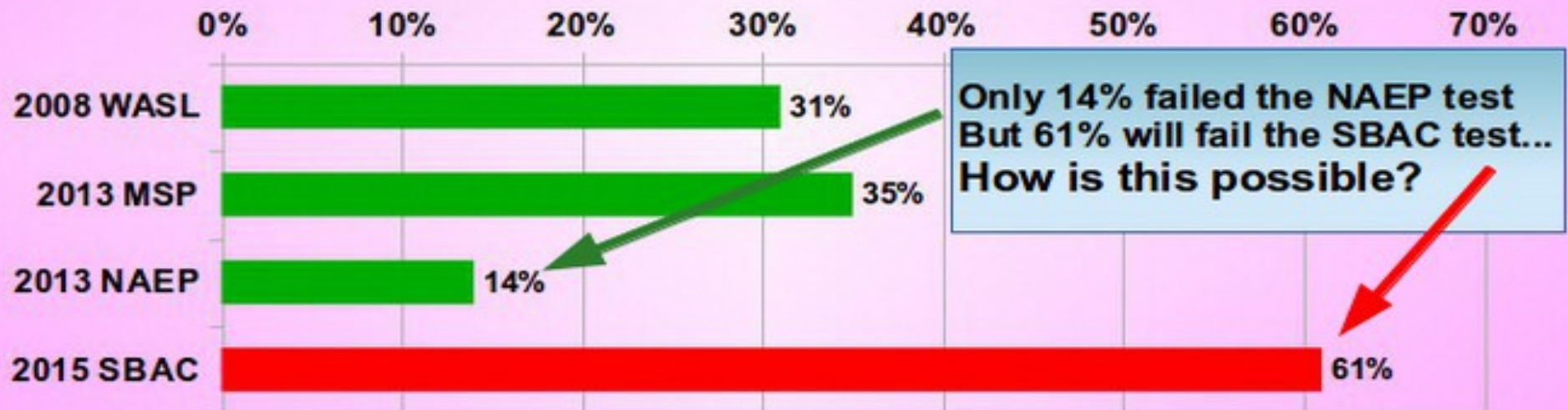


Over 500,000 students in Washington state will be Required to take the SBAC test in Spring 2015.

Why the SBAC test is one of the most unfair tests ever made...

SBAC Failure Rate Compared to the NAEP Test

Percent of Third/Fourth Graders Failing the Math Test



While only **14%** of Washington students were “below grade level” on the 2013 National Assessment of Educational Progress test, **61%** will be labeled as failures by the **SBAC test!**

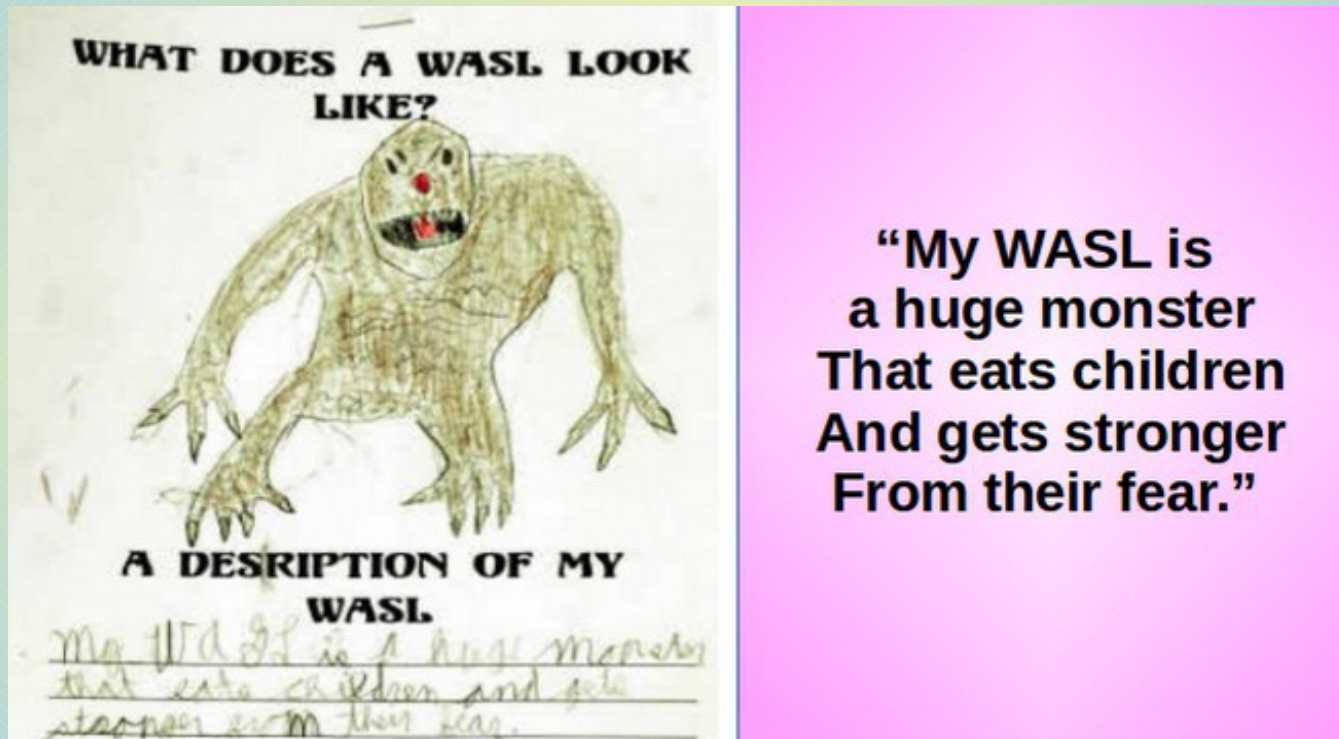
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Even worse, SBAC
Is designed to
Unfairly label
Three out of four
Low Income children
As Failures

No Third Grader should EVER be labeled as a failure!

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Even the former "WASL" test only labeled One out of three students as failures.

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The SBAC Shell Game...

Will your child get easy questions...

Or Hard questions???

No one will ever know!

SBAC is also an “adaptive” test. This means students who get the first few questions right are given a much harder test than those who get them wrong.

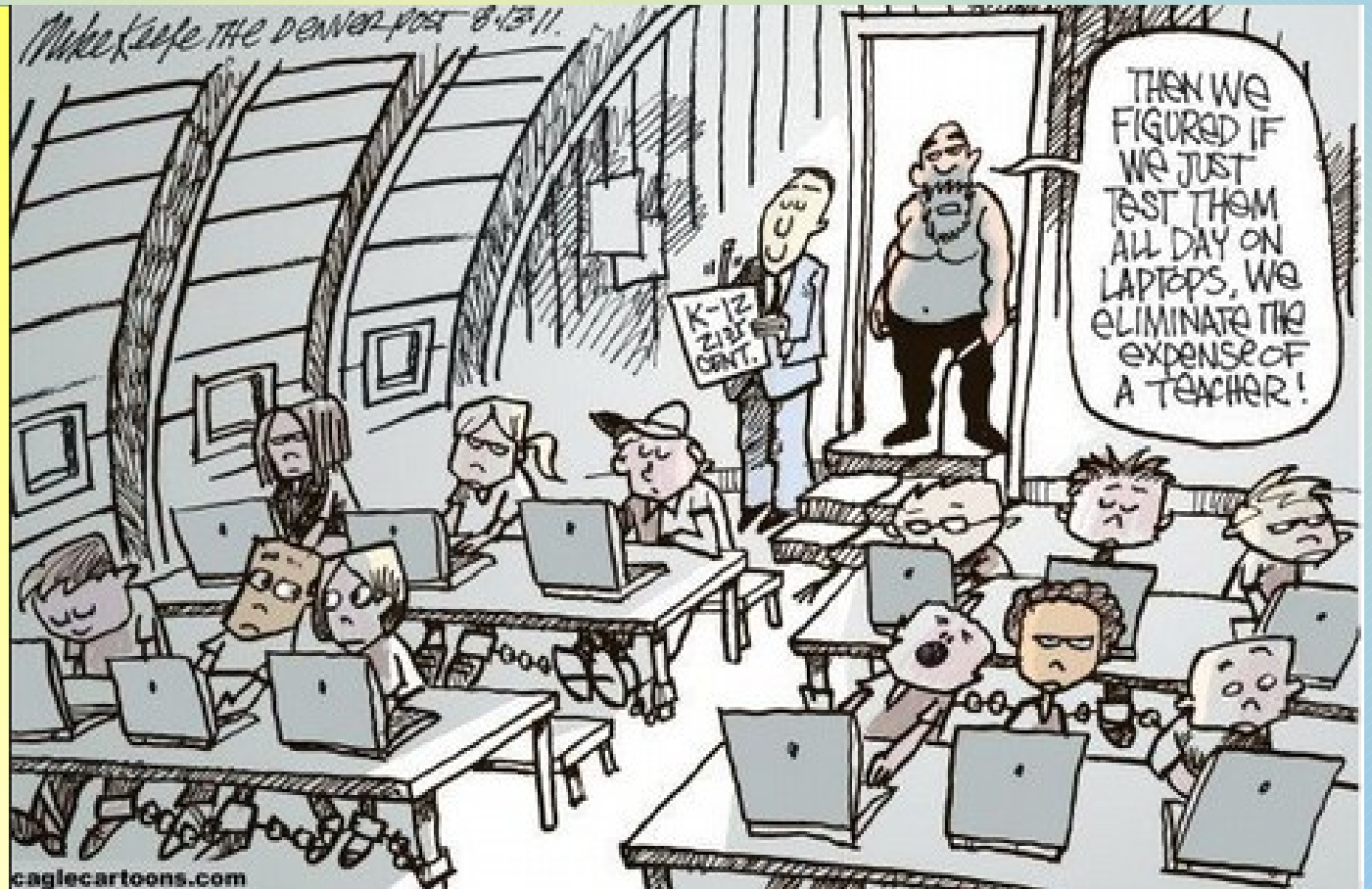
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The SBAC test uses more than 40,000 questions. A test would be more valid and reliable if it used 40 well researched and fair questions than 40,000 poorly researched and unfair questions.

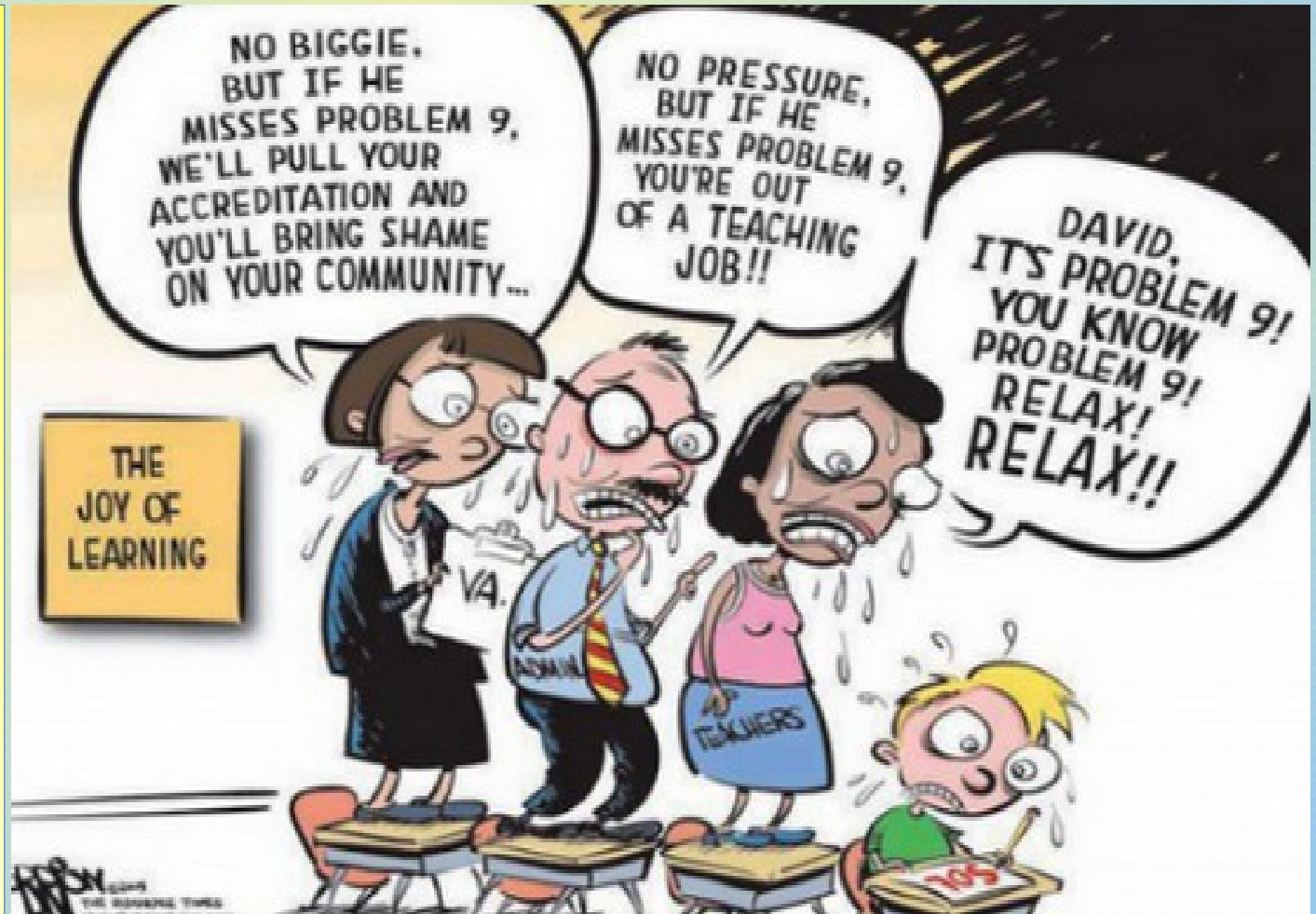
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**The SBAC test
Requires months
of test prep
Several Days
of testing with
Several hours
Of testing
each day!
It is the WASL
On Steroids!**



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The SBAC test Causes Extreme Anxiety For Small Children... We should Not put This kind Of Pressure on Third Graders!



Forcing small children to spend hundreds of hours on trivia to prepare for the high stakes high failure rate SBAC test is a form of child abuse



**Forcing a 3rd Grader
to take a
high stakes
High failure rate test
Knowing that if she fails,
She will be forced to
Repeat 3rd Grade,
Or even worse,
Her teacher might be fired
And her school closed,
Is Institutional Child Abuse.
It harms the self esteem
Of our children
And it must be stopped!**

**Neither Parents Nor Teachers are
allowed to see the actual SBAC Tests
our children are forced to take!**

WARNING TO PARENTS AND TEACHERS

This is a Common Core Test Area

Due to new Common Core federal regulations,
and Pearson Copyright Protection Laws,
You are not permitted beyond this point!

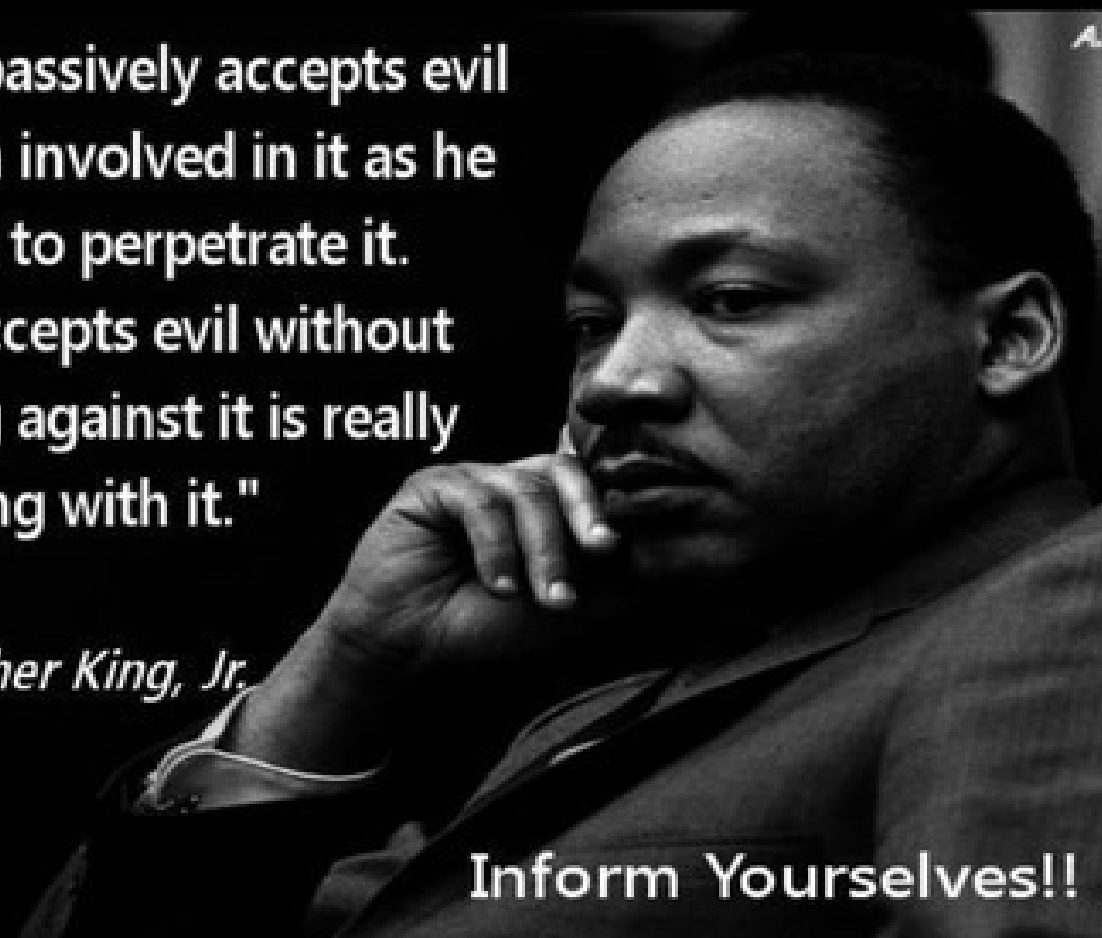


**You are not allowed to see your child's test questions
Or to ask your child about this High Stakes test in any way!**



Thank you in advance
for your cooperation on this matter.
Ame Duncan, US Dept of Education

This year, the SBAC test will unfairly label hundreds of thousands of children in Washington state and millions of children in the US as failures.



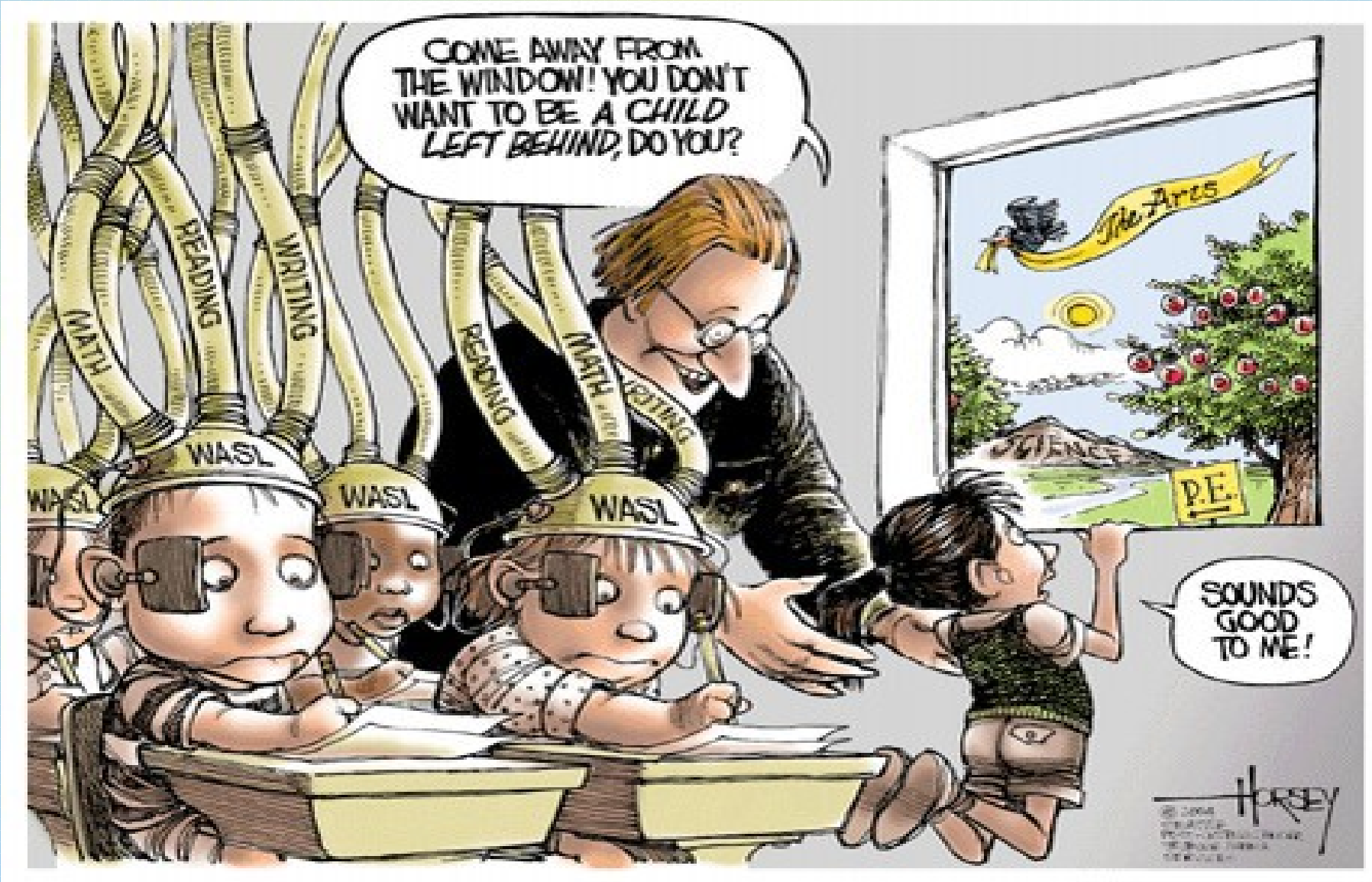
"He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetrate it. He who accepts evil without protesting against it is really cooperating with it."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Inform Yourselves!!

**It is
Up to
Each of Us
As parents
And responsible
Caring
Citizens
To say no
To SBAC
And stop
This crime!**

How to Opt Your Kids Out of The SBAC Test Monster



STEP ONE: Visit our Opt Out Washington (dot) Org Website & Download our SBAC Opt Out Form

The image shows a screenshot of the 'Opt Out Washington' website. At the top, there is a purple navigation bar with the following links: 'Home', 'How High Stakes High Failure Rate Testing Harms Our Kids', 'Washington State SBAC Assessment Opt Out Tips', 'Washington SBAC Opt Out Form and Flier' (highlighted in a dark blue box), 'Washington State Opt Out Groups', and 'Contact Us for an Opt Out Presentation or to form an Opt Out Group at your School or School District'. Below the navigation bar is a search bar containing the text 'Opt Out Washington Free PDFs'. Underneath the search bar, there is a list of search results. The first result is titled 'WASHINGTON STATE SBAC ASSESSMENT REFUSAL FORM' and has a file icon next to the text 'Washington_State_Opt_Out_Form .pdf'. To the right of this result is a green 'Download' button. A large green callout box with a black border and a black arrow points from the text 'Click on the first Green Download Button' to the green 'Download' button. Below the first result, there is a second result titled 'Opt Out Washington Flier... Protect Your Children from the SBAC Mo...' with a file icon next to the text 'Opt Out WashingtonProtect Your Children from the SBAC Test Memorand...'. To the right of this result are two buttons: a blue 'Details' button and a green 'Download' button.

Home How High Stakes High Failure Rate Testing Harms Our Kids

Washington State SBAC Assessment Opt Out Tips **Washington SBAC Opt Out Form and Flier**

Washington State Opt Out Groups

Contact Us for an Opt Out Presentation or to form an Opt Out Group at your School or School District

Opt Out Washington Free PDFs

These are free PDFs of documents offered as a pu

WASHINGTON STATE SBAC ASSESSMENT REFUSAL FORM

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STEP TWO: Print out and read the SBAC Opt Out form completely to make sure you understand all of it!

WASHINGTON STATE SBAC ASSESSMENT REFUSAL DOCUMENTATION FORM

Please print the following information:

Student's Name _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

School Name _____ School District _____

Grade Level _____ School Year _____ Month(s) or Date(s) of Assessment _____

As the parent, or legal guardian of the above named student, under U.S legislation and federal court decisions, I have the fundamental and legal right to direct the upbringing and education of my child which the school may not deny. I hereby choose for my child to not participate in the Washington State SBAC assessment.

My reasons for this decision include, but are not limited to:

I have concerns about the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) assessment, its purpose, its content, and potential data security breach of student test information. A copy of the actual test that would be given to my child is not available. Nor has the SBAC "adaptive" test been shown to be scientifically valid or reliable.

STEP THREE: Be aware that school administrators Have been given a detailed manual instructing them on how to try to change your mind about opting out!

You will likely be discouraged from opting out by your child's teacher, principal and other school administrators. You will be told that your child will receive a score of "zero" which will harm your child and your child's school. Our advice is to let teachers and administrators know that the SBAC test itself is far more harmful to your child and your child's school than opting your child out of the test. Feel free to print out and share our one page flier on the drawbacks of the SBAC test with teachers and administrators. You may also be told that your child may not receive a diploma if they do not take the SBAC test. This is not true. As long as your child completes the required courses and credits, they will be given a diploma. The SBAC test is not needed to graduate.

Our Opt Out form contains 4 important pages of advice including likely tactics, state regulations, state laws and Supreme Court rulings that explain your rights As a parent to control the education of your children!

STEP FOUR: Fill Out Page 1 of the SBAC Opt Out Form & Turn it in to the front office of your child's school

Do parents have any civil rights regarding the education of their child?

The U.S. Supreme Court has long held that the 14th amendment to the U.S. Constitution guaranteed certain fundamental rights which cannot be removed without due process of law. One of those fundamental rights is the right of parents to direct the upbringing and education of their children. In its 1923 decision in Meyer v. Nebraska, the U.S. Supreme Court "held that the 'liberty' protected by the Due Process Clause includes the right of parents to 'establish a home and bring up children' and 'to control the education of their own.'" (Quoted from the 2000 U.S. Supreme Court ruling in Troxel v. Granville.). The Court concluded in Troxel v. Granville: In light of this extensive precedent, it cannot now be doubted that the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment protects the fundamental right of parents to make decisions concerning the care, custody, and control of their children. (Troxel, 2000)

**Your school principal may ask to meet with you.
While you are not required to meet with them,
Taking a few minutes to share your concerns about
The SBAC test may help gain their cooperation.**

Share this information with other parents & help others learn how to opt out of the the SBAC Test Monster

**Share our Opt Out Washington (dot) org website link
With your friends on Facebook.**

Download our Opt Out Washington flier.

Email it to other parents or

Print it out and bring it to your next PTA meeting.

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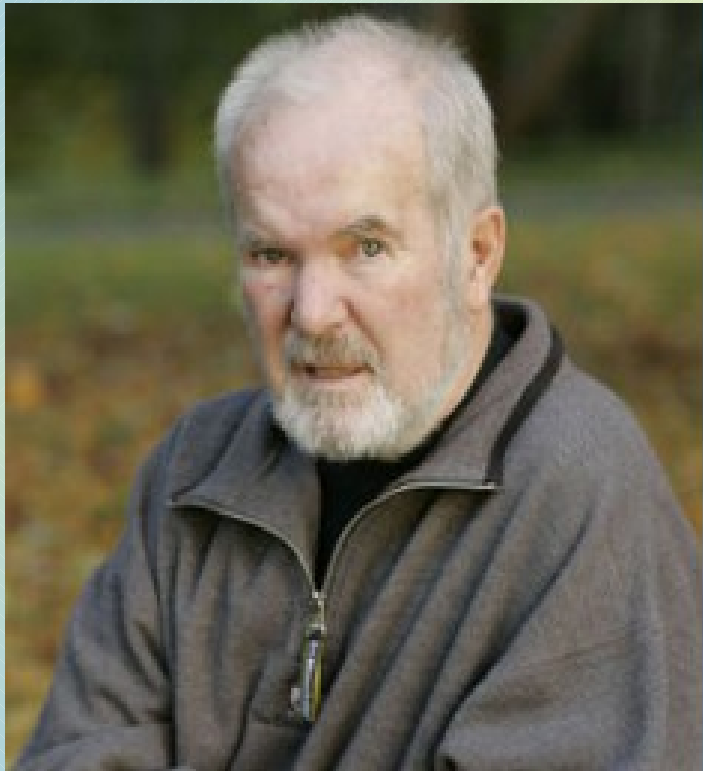
Download this slide presentation to share.

Start an Opt Out Group at your School.

**Request a Slide Presentation at your school
Or Local Library.**

**Let's work together to protect our kids.
& Opt Out Washington from the SBAC test!**

Learn more about the Drawbacks of the SBAC Test Monster



**“I was wrong.
I am willing to admit I was wrong.
I was naïve. I was new to the subject,
And time has shown me
That there is a better way.
A single test should not be
All that matters in a students education.”**

Booth Gardner to the Seattle Times
December 9 2005

**Ask your State legislators to end toxic tests!
Let's work together to protect our kids
& Opt Out Washington the SBAC test!**

Questions?

Let the discussion begin!



For more information, visit our websites:

[Opt Out Washington \(dot\) org](http://OptOutWashington.org)

[Weapons Of Mass Deception \(dot\) org](http://WeaponsOfMassDeception.org)

[Coalition to Protect our Public Schools \(dot\) org](http://CoalitiontoProtectourPublicSchools.org)