

Dear Regents,

I write to you today to urge you to suspend standardized testing for the 2020-2021 school year. Our children and their teachers have an extraordinarily difficult year ahead of them, and teachers will need to be more flexible than ever. They will need the ability to focus their energy on the needs of our children, all of whom have been traumatized, and they will need to be creative in how they approach this herculean task. Please do not burden them and put our kids under more undue stress with these tests.

Additionally, please remember that students of color and students from low-income households have been disproportionately impacted by the effects of COVID-19, and have also historically been disadvantaged with standardized testing. They will suffer more than others if these tests are not suspended. I urge you to put our children first and take action now to protect them.

Sincerely,

Dobbs Ferry, NY