

State Reduces Amount of Testing Time for Students by 25%

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Dear Parents,

The Pennsylvania Department of Education announced this week it's going to reduce the amount of time third through eighth graders spend on the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) by 25%. The change is expected to take place during the upcoming school year. More information can be found at: <http://www.philly.com/philly/news/politics/state/gov-wolf-announces-plan-to-reduce-test-taking-time-for-pa-students-20170814.html>

This is excellent news and is a great first step. Certainly, these tests are still entirely too time consuming. Thank you to all who took time over the last two years to contact your legislators and Department of Education to express concern about the amount of time being dedicated to testing students. We will continue to push for more reform! I also expect to have an update on Keystone Exams shortly.

Enjoy the final days of summer. I look forward to seeing your children in our schools on August 28.

Sincerely,
Dr. Jim Scanlon
Superintendent