

Cancel the tests!

Why we are calling for the US Secretary of Education to cancel the tests:

Our youth, especially our Black, Indigenous, and people of color youth, are suffering as a result of the pandemic and education has a role to play to help children heal from the deleterious effects of remote learning, shelter in place, and the isolation children have faced. This means creating conditions where children can thrive and heal by building in structures of support, and love instead of stressful tests where the data will end up being questionable, at best, and the experience harmful. With school buildings looking to open, educators anxiously awaiting vaccinations, and hopes rising for a recovery, the very last message that we need to send to our children is that the only reason they are going back to school is so they can be tested, that school isn't about them, but about a misguided policy.

We urge Biden to keep his promise about testing.

On Dec. 14, 2019 at the Public Education Forum, Dr. Denisha Jones asked then-candidate Biden, **"If you are elected president, will you commit to ending the use of standardized tests in public school?"** Biden immediately answered, **"Yes!"** [See a clip of the exchange here.](#)

What you can do:

- **Call and email the US Department of Education to explain to them why you feel that we need to #CancelTheTests.**
 - ◆ US Dept. of Education phone number: (202) 401-2000
 - ◆ Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona; email: Miguel.Cardona@ed.gov
- **Share messages on social media.**
 - ◆ Hashtags: #CancelTheTests #KeepYourPublicSchoolPromise
 - ◆ Sample Twitter messages:
 - ◆ Students need mental health counselors, not high stakes testing.
 - ◆ High stakes tests benefit corporations, not kids.
 - ◆ Teachers change lives. Standardized tests don't.

FIND OUR COMPLETE TOOLKIT AT:

<https://dey.org/take-action/cancel-the-tests-tool-kit/>



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