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To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept this letter as record of my decision to refuse for my child --name-- to participate in all standardized testing at --school name-- during the year 2014/2015 school year. My refusal to participate is because I believe standardized high stakes testing takes away time from the instructional experiences my child might otherwise receive. I want more teaching and learning, and less testing!

My child is prepared to come to school every day during the testing window with alternative meaningful self-directed learning activities that support the essential curriculum, or is willing to participate in other meaningful activities as determined by the school or --his/her-- teachers during testing times. It is my child's right as a public school student to receive instruction daily.

I have a tremendous respect for my child's teachers and --his/her-- school. They do a tremendous job and I wish to continue to send my --daughter/son-- to a school where she looks forward to participating every day. My school's teachers and administrators understand that this action is no way a reflection of my feelings towards them nor is it intended as an attack toward them or the great work that they do every day. My issue is with high stakes standardized testing and the harm it does to children and our public schools. I believe we can work constructively together to ensure that my child will not be negatively affected in any way, and that successful alternatives that are neither punitive nor require further legal complications are indeed possible.

I also expect that my child will not be asked to answer questions or comment regarding this refusal. If you have any questions about --his/her-- father and my decision, please contact me at --contact info--.

Thank you.

Respectfully yours,

----your name-----

PUBLIC LAW 107-110—JAN. 8, 2002 115 STAT. 1765 "SEC. 4153. PARENTAL CONSENT. 20 USC 7163.
"Upon receipt of written notification from the parents or legal guardians of a student, the local educational agency shall withdraw such student from any program or activity funded under this part. The local educational agency shall make reasonable efforts to inform parents or legal guardians of the content of such programs or activities funded under this part, other than classroom instruction.