

Cancel the Tests!!

Why we are calling for US Secretary of Education to Cancel the Tests

Our youth, especially our BIPOC, Black and Indigenous 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 and 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 youth 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. Time spent in the classroom must focus on building relationships, productive learning, and building hope for the future.

What you can do!

Call and email the US Department of Education to explain to them why you feel that we need to #CancelTheTests.

USDOE phone number: 800-872-5327 Press 3.

Office of the Secretary: (202)-401-3000

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Share messages on social media

You may not get a response, but representatives and decision-makers are paying attention to Twitter!

National Targets Twitter:

Secretary of Ed Cardona: @teachcardona @SecCardona

US Department of Education: @usedgov

US Department of Education Office of Civil Rights: @EDcivilrights

Biden Administration point person for testing: Ian Rosenblum: @ianrosenblum

Biden/Harris administration; @JoeBiden, @KamalaHarris, @POTUS, @VP

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Articles/Info for #CancelTheTests:

- [Biden Made One Campaign Promise that Really Mattered to Teachers](#)
- [COVID-19 Testing, Not Standardized Testing: Schools Need Vaccinations, Not Examinations:](#)
- Twitter clip of Dr. Denisha Jones' Video question: <https://twitter.com/NYCOptOut/status/1364072450737270784?s=19>
- You tube: <https://youtu.be/haGLsCBPWKA>
- [Biden's Broken Promise: Time to Opt Out! by Dr. Denisha Jones Esq.](#)
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Messages

Topline message: The Biden Administration needs to keep the promise to end standardized testing, especially during a once-a-century pandemic.

Hashtags: #CancelTheTests #KeepYourPublicSchoolPromise

Messaging, Tweets, & Graphics for all Social Media Platforms

[Link to Social Media Graphics Folder](#)- You can tag up to 9 people using a graphic on Twitter

Twitter Messages (To use on Facebook/Instagram just remove the @)

#Students need mental-health counselors, not high stakes testing. @teachCardona @ianrosenblum @EDcivilrights @usedgov #CancelTheTests #KeepYourPublicSchoolPromise

High-stakes tests benefit corporations, not kids. @teachCardona @ianrosenblum @EDcivilrights @usedgov #CancelTheTests #KeepYourPublicSchoolPromise

We care about kids' mental health enough for in-person schools, but not enough to #CancelTheTests @teachCardona @ianrosenblum @EDcivilrights @usedgov #KeepYourPublicSchoolPromise

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Ask #teachers where they'd use the \$ we'd save if @JoeBiden would just #CancelTheTests. @teachCardona @ianrosenblum @EDcivilrights @usedgov #KeepYourPublicSchoolPromise

#Teachers change lives. Standardized tests don't. At least not for the better. @teachCardona @ianrosenblum @EDcivilrights @usedgov #CancelTheTests #KeepYourPublicSchoolPromise

How many nurses, counselors & mental health experts could we hire if we #CancelTheTests? Let's find out! @teachCardona @ianrosenblum @EDcivilrights @usedgov #KeepYourPublicSchoolPromise

Kids need food, security & loving #teachers at school. They don't need high-stakes tests. @teachCardona @ianrosenblum @EDcivilrights @usedgov #CancelTheTests #KeepYourPublicSchoolPromise

Kids & #teachers are suffering. They don't need tests that provide lots of stress but no useful data. @teachCardona @ianrosenblum @EDcivilrights @usedgov #CancelTheTests #KeepYourPublicSchoolPromise

Tests during a #pandemic mean nothing -- except grief & stress for teachers, parents & students. @teachCardona @ianrosenblum @EDcivilrights @usedgov #CancelTheTests #KeepYourPublicSchoolPromise

#Teachers, not tests, teach. @teachCardona @ianrosenblum @EDcivilrights @usedgov #CancelTheTests #KeepYourPublicSchoolPromise

#Students are too depressed for virtual school, but not so depressed that we can't #CancelTheTests? @teachCardona @ianrosenblum @EDcivilrights @usedgov #KeepYourPublicSchoolPromise

@JoeBiden you promised to #CancelTheTests. If we can't trust you on that, how can we trust you on the rest? @teachCardona @ianrosenblum @EDcivilrights @usedgov #CancelTheTests #KeepYourPublicSchoolPromise

#Students need love & nurturing, not high-stakes tests. @teachCardona @ianrosenblum @EDcivilrights @usedgov #CancelTheTests #KeepYourPublicSchoolPromise

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Stressful testing during #covid19 produces worthless results. @teachCardona @ianrosenblum @EDcivilrights @usedgov #CancelTheTests #KeepYourPublicSchoolPromise

High-stakes tests are wrong in a normal year. During #covid, they're criminal. @teachCardona @ianrosenblum @EDcivilrights @usedgov #CancelTheTests #KeepYourPublicSchoolPromise

Support #teachers & students, not testing corporations. @teachCardona @ianrosenblum @EDcivilrights @usedgov #CancelTheTests #KeepYourPublicSchoolPromise

Trust is easily broken, but hard to regain. @teachCardona @ianrosenblum @EDcivilrights @usedgov #CancelTheTests #KeepYourPublicSchoolPromise

High-stakes tests widen gaps between poor & rich districts. That's even worse during a pandemic. @teachCardona @ianrosenblum @EDcivilrights @usedgov #CancelTheTests #KeepYourPublicSchoolPromise

Imagine what #children could spend their time learning if we #CancelTheTests, like art, civics, music, science, problem-solving, cooperation, @teachCardona @Usedgov #KeepYourPublicSchoolPromise

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Additional Actions

Join National Educators United and Badass Teachers Association for a targeted Twitter Storm Friday evening at 7pm EST! Use/search for the hashtag #FightBackFriday to join in!

Stay tuned for a webinar to be hosted on Tuesday March 16th at 7pm EST. Details coming soon.