

***Rally in Quincy to Support Our Students!***

# **LESS TESTING MORE LEARNING**

**Thursday, May 13 at 3:30 p.m.**

***Merrymount Park (near the fountain)  
1 Merrymount Pkwy, Quincy***

Students are finally returning to school in large numbers — a state requirement aimed at reducing so-called “learning loss.” So why is the state also requiring educators to waste precious learning time administering tests that will yield meaningless results?



**OPT OUT! MCAS!**

Districts have to give the MCAS tests, but students don’t have to take them. There are no consequences for opting out of testing in grades 3-8. Some high school students may need to take MCAS to graduate — but that also needs to change.

## ***PASS A BILL TO END THE MCAS GRADUATION REQUIREMENT!***

Massachusetts is one of only 11 states that still have a high-stakes test graduation requirement. Students should be assessed on their entire 12 years of schooling, not just on a test that reinforces biases against low-income students and students of color.

### ***Here’s what education leaders have to say:***

“The last thing [our students] need is to take a stressful, ineffective standardized test.”

– *Becky Pringle, president of the National Education Association, March 2021*

“So as an educator, I would say to parents, there is an opt-out and if there is ever a time for parents to consider whether that opt-out makes sense for you, this is the time.”

– *Former New York City Schools Chancellor Richard Carranza, February 2021*

“We should not be spending our time trying to operationalize test administration of students, which ultimately will only serveto be a perfunctory compliance task that is stealing our valuable time away from efforts toward a healthy return, recovery, and acceleration of learning for all...”

– *Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, February 2021*



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