

July 22, 2020 Board of Education Food Service Waiver Hearing
Written Comments Received Tuesday, July 7th through Wednesday, July 22nd
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Hi my name is Theresa Hehn speaking for the CTU testing committee to request a waiver of all standardized testing for the upcoming school year.

If we follow the CPS hybrid plan for returning to school, In addition to valuable instructional time lost, Standardized testing will add anxiety and stress to an already extremely unsure time.

It would be better to allow educators to do what they do best - *teach and evaluate within their existing teaching practices.*

1. We are asking that CPS take the initiative to continue the federal waiver by The U.S. Department of Education last spring due to COVID-19
2. We are asking that CPS waive all forms of standardized testing (such as IAR, Access, NWEA) for the following reasons:
 - a. Educators are very aware students will be behind and how best to meet their areas of need
 - b. Time spent on standardized tests would be better utilized rebuilding relationships and meeting the academic **AND** social emotional needs of our students who are dealing with trauma related to the pandemic and civil unrest.
 - c. Teachers are trained and skilled to embed a collection of assessment data in their everyday instruction.
 - d. We need to focus this school year on recovery, remediation, and rethinking why we use standardized tests.
 - e. NWEA takes 2 days per subject ...a

2.

Hello president del valle and vp Revuluri and members of the bd

Good morning. Thank you for the honor of speaking before you.

Keeping police in schools is the easy way for you and the Chicago local government to give yourself a false sense of "providing security and safety" to schools in neighborhoods whom Chicago has turned its back on; to ignore the larger issue and get to the root of our problems which is that we're spending pennies on our Black and Brown communities and allowing them to wither away to nothing.

I urge you all to really examine how you think police keep Black and Brown children safe in their schools. We have an issue with crime in many of our schools, but police are not solving this issue. It's time we rethink what our communities need and make meaningful changes.

Best,

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Hi there,

I am writing to please ask that you vote to kick the Chicago Police Department out of Chicago Public