

TESTIMONY of Christy Armbruster FOR THE RECORD

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Legislative Committee on Education April 22, 2014,

I would like to bring your attention to the fact that the Elko County School District has not provided notice to parents of students in several schools participating in the Smarter Balance field test. According to a letter dated February 12, 2014 addressed to Superintendent Erquiaga from the US Department of Education as signed by Deborah S. Delisle found at the following website: <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/eseaflex/secretary-letters/nv4.html>, the NDE agreed to the following: "The NDE has ensured that parents of students in each school participating in the field test have been notified of the school's participation, including by ensuring that the notification to parents includes a discussion of the implications of the school's participation in the field test and whether the parents' child will participate in the field test."

On Friday April 18, a group of concerned parents contacted our local schools and were told that no information was being sent to parents at Adobe Middle School, Southside Elementary School and West Wendover High School. Spring Creek Middle School had "8th Grade ELA SBAC testing" listed on their web-site calendar without any clarification as to the implications of the field test.

My concern is that students are being field-tested without knowing that they will never see the results of those hours of testing. The parents are unaware as to the nature of SBAC testing, what data will be collected on their students and who will receive that information. The NDE assured the US Department of Education that parents would be notified. This did not happen.

We should stop the SBAC testing until people can be properly informed as the NDE agreed to when they applied for the waiver from the US DOE so students are not double tested. I also propose that we withdraw from the Common Core State Standards and everything else connected to them.

Sincerely,

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