

# Public Letter

Hello Parents,

We have signed the letter below to urge you to opt out your child from the ISAT testing week.

## Why Write A Public Letter?

We are concerned about excessive overtesting and the effect it has on our children. We as parents know how a week of testing is hurting our children. We as parents also know that testing is not education. We want our children engaged in reading, art, and independent projects.

## Can I “opt” my child out of ISAT?

Yes, CPS-CEO Barbara Byrd-Bennett has confirmed in writing that parents have the right to opt their children out of standardized testing. Remember parents also have the legal right “direct the upbringing and education of their child.”

## Then why is CPS insisting on giving the ISAT??

Fact # 1- We know CPS Board of Education is not run by educators, but businessmen with a business plan. They are appointed by Rahm Emanuel to carry out his plan. To the public and parents we think his obsolete testing plan is the “Test Mess”.

Fact #2- This year, the ISAT is being phased out by CPS, so it will NOT be used for promotion to the next grade, eligibility for admission to selective enrollment schools, teacher evaluation or school performance measures. Obsession with testing is a business model for education.

## What To Do?

ISAT testing begins on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to send your opt-out letters in advance so that teachers have time to plan. If you have any questions, feel free to contact any one of us and we’ll do our best to answer. You are welcome to share this letter.

Sincerely,

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| 1) Eva Garth, Daniel Stinson | Thorp parent     |
| 2) Kenyada Burks, Lee Jones  | Thorp parent     |
| 3) Scotesa Chatman           | Thorp parent     |
| 4) Doris Cox                 | Thorp guardian   |
| 5) Rosa Perea                | Community leader |
| 6) Afi Jones                 | Mireles parent   |
| 7) Icesha Walker             | Ninos parent     |
| 8) Candace Noel              | Thorp parent     |

For more information,  
**Opt-Out ISAT Test**  
**Parent Public Meeting**  
Monday, March 3  
So Chicago Public Library  
91<sup>st</sup> and Houston  
Time -- 6:pm