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I am a retired Community College professor and long time substitute teacher for Portland Public Schools and other districts. I believe that our students are subjected to excessive standardized testing. We definitely need a survey by the Oregon Department of Education to determine the value (or lack of) for the students and schools. Also, the survey must determine the culture bias of these tests. These standardized tests, as you know, also may affect the funding allowed to schools and school districts, sometimes this disproportional funding appears discriminatory. Teachers are often stymied in their attempts to present to their students a more creative and expansive curriculum and feel bound to "teaching to the test" ... And, this survey needs to be conducted in a timely manner with decisive action implemented when results are available. Please don't spend unnecessary time and money over-studying this matter. Personally, after 50 years of teaching experience in a variety of settings, I am opposed in general to standardized tests.