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I am retired teacher with 40 years experience in Eugene 4j schools. I have taught elementary, middle, high school and university level. My first 20 years were incredible. We were treated as professionals with freedom to choose how to best meet our student needs (academic, emotional, social). We had standardized testing in 3rd, 5th, 8th and 11th grade. After the passage of Measure 5 things began to change. Around 2000 the standardized testing craze took over and our student experience changed as well as our classroom experience. Many of the things that worked well with our students were impacted negatively by introduction of more and more standardized tests. By the time I left the classroom and retired in 2018, classroom experience was totally different then just a few years before due to the number of test teachers were responsible for. This bill will be the first step in the right direction and will begin the road back to more sane policy on testing.