

I strongly oppose the test reporting requirements proposed language:

*“A letter of intent to continue to provide instruction must include a report to the superintendent with proof that the testing plan for the previous year was fulfilled as agreed upon, a copy of the official test scores, and information required in paragraph (a) for each student for the upcoming school year.”*

Test scores are private and parents have right not to show them to superintendent. Every family and kid are different. The content of the teaching and learning in homeschool may not be the same as the one taught in school. Yet this doesn't mean kids are not learning. Kids may learn advanced math and lower-grade language art in the the same year. Test score may not properly and correctly reflect the efforts and ability of learning in their grade level. Moreover, many homeschoolers have their tests done before April. The content of tests may not be covered yet when homeschool kids take the tests.

Besides, this reporting requirement is contrary to the 2011 Homeschool Mandate Reduction bill which paved the way to simpler reporting requirements for Minnesota homeschoolers.

The proposed language would be a significant step backward for homeschooling freedom in Minnesota.

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