How You Can Work for Testing Reform

1. Talk to others about test misuse. Break the silence by talking with other parents, teachers, neighbors and friends one on one, in small groups, or at house parties. Share the facts about test overuse and misuse.
   • Use the fact sheets at http://www.fairtest.org/fact%20sheets.

2. Create a network for change. Build alliances among school and community groups to work for local, state and federal test reform. Reach out to parent associations, civil rights and faith-based leaders, teacher and other labor unions, civic organizations, and business groups.

3. Hold a public forum or workshop in your community to discuss high-stakes standardized tests, state and local testing policy.

4. Urge your local school board to take a stand on testing. Have your network press school board members to adopt a resolution calling for a moratorium on high-stakes testing in order to design a better assessment system.

5. Consider opting your child out of the tests.

6. Write letters-to-the-editor and op-ed pieces for your local and regional newspapers.

7. Contact your state and federal representatives about reducing testing.
   a) Send them letters with copies of news clips, resolutions, and/or signed petitions.
   b) Call them with your concerns. Set up small group meetings between your elected officials and local parents, teachers, students and other allies.
      • To contact your members of Congress, go to http://www.contactingthecongress.org.