

Request that your child be excused from the FSAs

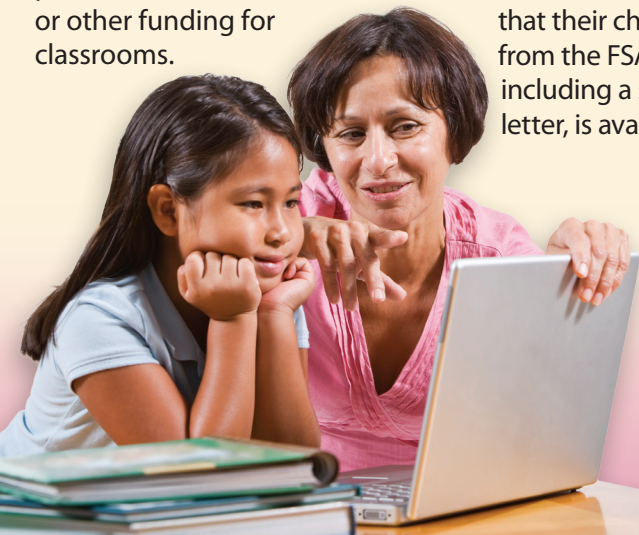
Dear parents,

We work hard to give your children the best education possible. Because we care, it's our professional responsibility to raise our concerns about the **Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA)**.

Standardized tests like FSAs for Grades 4 and 7 students take time away from classroom activities, do not count for marks, and have not been meaningfully used to support student learning. FSA results provide no new resources or other funding for classrooms.

The misuse of FSA results to rank schools and the inadequate protection of student privacy are other major concerns. We are urging the provincial government to work with teachers and others to protect school and student information, rather than proceed with this year's FSA.

These are some reasons why BC teachers recommend that parents of Grade 4 and 7 students write to their school principal to request that their children be excused from the FSAs. More information, including a sample withdrawal letter, is available at bctf.ca/fsa.aspx.



A message from the Burnaby Teachers' Association