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**MEMO TO:** All Buffalo Teachers  
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**RE:** FYI

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Dear NYS Parents, Community Members, & Supporters of Public Education:

Please take 60 seconds & [CLICK HERE](#) to ACT NOW to STOP the NYS Board of Regents and Commissioner John King from changing regulations to mandate stand-alone field tests that have historically been voluntary.

Field tests are experimental questions that Pearson, NYS's contracted educational testing company, uses to "test" new questions to be used for future tests. Over the last several years, NYS standardized tests have VASTLY grown to NINE hours of testing each year for grades three through eight. In these tests, approximately 25% have field test questions already embedded in them.

Astoundingly, the NYS Education Department (NYSED) previously admitted stand-alone field tests are "statistically unreliable".

Again, we urge you to take IMMEDIATE ACTION by [CLICKING HERE](#) to send a letter to the Commissioner of Education John King, Deputy Commissioner Ken Wagner, Board of Regents, Governor Cuomo, your Assembly Member/Senator, and the NYSED public comment email which is open for only a short period of time.

Please share with your personal email lists and social media contacts. Thank you on behalf of NYS Allies for Public Education.

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