

The State Test Typhoon

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The forecast was for a typhoon of heavy math and intense long responses! It turns out the forecast was right. The new state tests hit us like a natural disaster inside our classroom. No one could stop it. We had to just suffer through it.

I took the new version of the tests. In my opinion it was full of traps! They'd give you a bunch of easy questions and then they give you two major questions that were very hard. So your brain was relaxed and happy and then BOOM: insanely hard question! Also it took a long time! Three days for English, three days for math. Just sitting and testing for that much time is torture.

The tests really stress teachers, parents, and especially the students. Teachers get cranky and kids get crazy! You feel so stressed that you can't think straight. You never feel like you are on weekend or vacation until they are over.

Learning time gets sucked up like a vortex. The preparation takes up so much class time that you skip the best subjects! Social Studies: gone. Writing: gone! Free

time: gone! You have to cram in so much studying in one day. Is it great?! You can skip all of these subject for just one lousy boring and stressful subject: Test Prep!

Why did Chancellor Walcott decide to give us these harder tests? I, mean if that is what people elected the other candidates where probably so dumb that they would hallucinate a kid riding on a butterfly and say "Hey there is that little kid riding on a butterfly and jump out the window think that the butterfly will catch him." I mean, they shouldn't count the tests for 4th graders and middle school. The tests were very confusing. Why can't a kid just go into a good middle school knowing what you learn in life? The test was like a game of 20 questions only on bad topics and your life depends on it being right.

So I really hope Canceler Walcott gets back in his right mind and makes the tests easier and thinks next year before making the tests harder. And says will this stress everyone in New York City and if the answer is yes he should forget the idea.