

High Stakes Testing Forum

Monday March 10, 2014

The Earth School

6PM in the Auditorium

Entrance on Ave. B @ 5th st

Decision Time for Families

Last year, a large percentage of families at the Earth School joined a national movement by refusing to allow their elementary school children to take standardized state tests. Now, more families are asking questions about opting out of testing. To facilitate discussions about what this means for our community and individuals, join in this forum about testing and it's consequences as a tool in education.

Panelists Include

Leonie Haimson, founder & Executive Director of classsizematters.org, will explain student privacy and InBloom

Fred Smith, retired NYCDOE data analyst, will explain the use of norm-referenced tests

Middle School Principals, Sonhando Estwick & Peter Karp, Tompkins Square Middle School & I.C.E Middle School respectively, will talk about qualities they seek when admitting a student and their views on the current policies regarding testing

Nicole, East Side Middle School teacher, will share her experiences as a test prep expert and her views regarding testing

Colin Schumacher, 4th/5th grade teacher, Earth School, will provide a teachers' perspective on testing

Childcare will be available

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