What is the Center for American Progress?

✓ An independent nonpartisan policy institute dedicated to improving the lives of Americans through bold, progressive ideas, as well as strong leadership and concerted action

What are the K-12 team goals?

✓ Promote strong standards and accountability systems
✓ Modernize and elevate the teaching profession
✓ Support innovative school practices
Perceptions of How We Test
As Test Time Nears, Coalition Tries to Head Off Opt-Outs

A new 'Testing Bill of Rights' hopes to keep students in their seats.

Markell supports 'Testing Bill of Rights'

TESTING, TESTING: The Center for American Progress and other groups unveiled a “Testing Bill of Rights” late last month [http://politi.co/1SrPo7w] with the goal of collecting 10,000 signatures in a month, but today CAP announces that it has already collected 11,000 signatures — a third of which stem from New York.
Practices for Testing Better

- Testing time
- Communication
- Value for parents and children
- Timeliness
Testing: 2016 Results

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Map showing states with different testing results:
- Increase from 2015
- No Change
- Decrease from 2015
- No Reported Data
State Recommendations

- Testing principles
- Alignment
- Formative and interim tests
- Speed of results
- High school and college placement exams
- Reporting results
ESSA Opportunities for States and Districts

- Holistic accountability
- Eliminate redundancy
- Assessment pilot program
- Testing cap
- Nationally recognized high school assessments