

Date _____

Dear _____,

I understand that this summer school administrators were asked to select from a menu of tests (e.g. MAP, iReady, Acadience) to satisfy a new city testing mandate this year.

I am writing to exercise my right to refuse to allow my child to participate in any of these newly mandated city assessments. My decision to refuse in no way reflects on the hard work and talent of the teachers, administration, or staff at our school.

As Ann Cook and Johanna Miller [wrote in the Daily News](#) (9/14/2021), “While relying on testing might be tempting, there is no substitute for teachers doing what they are trained to do. That means assessing where students are academically — how they think, how they learn best and how they demonstrate what they know. It also means understanding where they are socially and emotionally — are they facing PTSD, depression, family issues, hunger or homelessness? These questions are urgent and the solutions are far more complex than filling in a bubble on a screen.”

Thank you in advance for respecting my refusal.

Sincerely,

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)

Child’s name and class/grade (Printed)