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New mandatory notice to parents for testing options

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New legislation, which amended [M.S. 120B.31, Subd. 4a](#), requires school districts to provide notice to parents or guardians of their option to refuse to have their students take the statewide assessments. The Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) was tasked by the Legislature with developing a form for this opt out.

School districts must provide this notice by posting the form developed by MDE on their website and must include it in their Student Handbooks.

The form is available at <http://www.mnmsba.org/Portals/0/Documents/MDE-TestingOptOutForm.docx>.