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Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony as a proponent of House Bill (HB) 67. I am Mark Tyler, Superintendent of Hamilton Local School District.

The Hamilton Local School District annually uses local and state assessments to measure how successfully students receive their teachers' instruction. Assessment data helps us make necessary instructional changes and create realistic academic goals for students and teachers.

However, state assessments during this school year will provide little to no valuable information while stealing precious learning opportunities during a year limited by varying instructional delivery modes. The response to inconsistent learning opportunities should not be to interrupt instruction with assessments that tell us what we already know—that teachers and students need more time together.

The Hamilton Local School District supports HB 67 and urges passing the bill as soon as possible so schools and teachers can devote more time to closing learning gaps caused by COVID-19 measures.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer written testimony in support of HB 67.

Sincerely,

Mark Tyler, Superintendent