Report by SUNY New Paltz’s Benjamin Center looks at standardized testing

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NEW PALTZ >> The Benjamin Center for Public Policy Initiatives at SUNY New Paltz has released its latest policy brief called “Time on Test: The Fixed Costs of 3-8 Standardized Testing in New York State.”

The report, available online at bit.ly/1NIPvXE, is based on evidence provided by teachers across the state and finds the testing process forces a reallocation of resources for all students, regardless of whether they are in a testing grade. This reallocation has the effect of displacing resources from their intended and appropriate target in order to accommodate state assessments, the report says.

The Benjamin Center says recent debates and policy choices about placing limits on testing time in schools miss a key point — that the proper measurement of time devoted to state-administered standardized assessment must include both the time spent on the actual tests and the added “fixed costs” to deliver them.

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