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Board Member

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Senator David Simmons
400 Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Simmons:

We have read the transcript of Florida Education Commissioner Pam Stewart's March 4, 2015 testimony to the Florida Education Appropriations Subcommittee. In that testimony, Commissioner Stewart references the psychometric validity and reliability of test questions that Florida purchased from Utah's State Office of Education.

In September, 2014, we requested validity and reliability information from our Associate State Superintendent, Dr. Judy Park, regarding our SAGE test, specifically:

1. Normative Sample details (who took the test).
2. Coefficient Alpha reliability.
3. Content description validity.
4. Differential item functional analysis.
5. Criterion Prediction Validity.
6. Construct Identification Validity.
7. Other types of validity scales/constructs that are applicable only to CAT test designs.

As of this date, we have received no response to this request. We will be filing a formal Open Records request. Additionally, we would appreciate any information that you may receive with regards to the validity and reliability of our shared test items.

Sincerely,

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