The Costs of CMAS Testing in Colorado

State Costs

$32,239,823

(Statewide Assessment Program, FY 2024–25)

District Costs

$78,000,000

(Local Expenses)

Opportunity Costs

9 Million Hours

Lost Teaching & Learning Time

Total Costs: Over $100,000,000 Annually

Return on Investment: ZERO

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