

## **Short and to the point from one of my heroes.**

**To the editor**

**From Stephen Krashen**

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**Contrary to Education Secretary Spellings' claim ("Tests will drive gains," October 19), NCLB is not working. No Child Left Behind promised to close the gap between children of poverty and children not in poverty. This has not happened. The differences in test scores between children eligible for free or reduced lunch and those not eligible are nearly the same in 2005 as they were in 2003.**

**The administration has wasted 100 billion dollars of taxpayers' money on NCLB, and now Spellings wants to waste more and extend NCLB to high schools. This is good news for test and workbook publishers, but bad news for students and for taxpayers.**