The Evolving Culture of Large-Scale Assessments in Canadian Education

The Context

Large-scale assessment programs in Canada are on the rise.



The Purpose

To document the explicit purposes of the current large-scale assessment programs in Canada.

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Conclusions

Assessment programs can be categorized into four explicit purposes:

- accountability,
- gatekeeping,
- instructional diagnosis,
- monitoring student achievement over time.

