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REVIEW COMMISSION**Subject:** Graduation Competency Assessment

Mr. Buckheit,

I am not in favor of a Graduation test. I have 2 kids in school now and I think they take to many standardized test now. The schools spends a lot of time preparing the kids to make sure they do well on these test, to add another test to the mix all the schools will do is prepare kids for these types of test. What would the students senior year of learning be? It would be prepping for that test. What a waste of time! What about the kids who do not test well? They may decide to drop out rather than take the test. I do not see any benefit to adding another test to students!

Thanks,

Brian