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Dear Mr. Buckheit,

I am NOT in support of more standarized testing for students.

The schools currently only teach to the PSSA exams, and the students learn nothing else. Enough already.

High School should be a place where students are able to explore new areas of interest. Standardized exams would dampen the ability to branch out and find interests because all the effort would remain on everybody passing the same tests. Art programs and business programs would suffer.

Enough tests already -- this is NOT preparing them for the real world, where there is so much more to success than passing an exam. Why not just pull out of school and get a GED? That's the goal - just pass the test.

Develop multi-dimensional people, not drones.

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