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Mr. Buckheit,

I have a concern about the proposed graduation requirement. I believe too much emphasis is placed on passing standardized tests. This is evident by the amount of time each year that is spent reviewing PSSA questions and preparing for these exams. We are losing sight of what's really important here. Our educators and parents need to spend more time emphasizing knowledge that will help the student to succeed and will help to improve math, and science scores.

Let's try de-standardization such as trying new constructive ways to educate our children rather than emphasizing everyone passing a standardized test. We need to think out of the box and teach the child not the test score. I think that would help to prevent any child from being left behind.

Thank you for asking for our opinion  
Linda Bartleson

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