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Good Morning,

This email is being sent to hopefully make you object to the possibility of the state graduation requirements that the state is trying to enforce. I am strongly against this from an educator as well as a parent of three public school students. I feel that the current PSSA testing is more than enough. Schools are preparing students for tests way too much. We need to prepare students for life long learning not just tests. As a parent, I am almost ready to change my students to a private school. This is bothering to me because I went through the public school system myself, and I feel that to this day I received a great public education. Like the saying goes, "If something isn't broke, don't fix it" Please rethink this possibility for our students in the public education institutions. Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,  
Karen G. Cummings