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State Board of Education
ATTN: James Buckheit, Executive Director
333 Market St.
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Re: Proposed Chapter 4 Regulations
Graduation Competency Assessments

Dear Mr. Buckheit:

I am a special education teacher and oppose Graduation Competency Assessments. Even though students with IEP can be exempt from scoring proficient on the assessments, they are not exempt from taking them altogether. I have many students that have test anxiety. Also, if parents know that students with IEPs do not have to score proficient on the assessments, this might increase the parent initiated evaluations thus increasing the number of students in special education. Small group instruction is the best learning environment for students that need specially designed instruction.

Sincerely,

Karlene Gutierrez

6/2/2008