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From: Laura Brenner-Scotti [laurabrennerscott@yahoo.com]**Sent:** Friday, May 30, 2008 10:12 PM**To:** j buckheit@state.pa.us**Subject:** Feedback on Graduation Competency Exams

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There was a request for feedback on Graduation Competency Exams in the Courier several days ago. These 10 exams would be administered during Senior year, and a student would have to pass 6 to graduate. This would be on top of the PSSA tests (writing, reading, math, science and social studies, to be added in the next couple years) and the PSAT, SAT and SAT II tests that kids take Junior year.

At this rate our kids will spend more weeks testing than learning! And these tests would be the barometer for graduation - not the 13 years kids spent in school.

I passed this information on to my straight A, all Honors 10th grader, and she replied, "Ughhh! They've got to be kidding!"

Needless to say, we are not at all in favor of more tests being administered!

Please consider this e-mail a "thumbs down" to the Graduation Competency Exams!

Thank you!

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