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Mr Buckheit-

I'm writing in regard to the proposed graduation exam requirement. I don't believe this is necessary for graduation. If the student doesn't perform throughout his high school years adequately then the grades will reflect that. Why does the student need to undergo another exam which doesn't always reflect what the student knows? It's common knowledge that many students "freeze" during exams, so it wouldn't be an accurate view of the student's full capabilities nor qualifications for graduation. Enforcing a test like this is very unfair to all high school seniors.

I urge you to reconsider your proposal and focus more on teaching the kids throughout their high school years and making sure they're retaining and learning by the current grading system.

Thank you for your time,

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