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Mr Buchheit,

It has been brought to my attention that the State of Pa is considering adding more tests for students to graduate. I have been teaching for 28 years and I have great reservations about adding any more testing for our students. We are burning them out as it is and the amount of time we commit to TESTING has greatly diminished the amount of instruction time.....I believe we are placing way too much emphasis on Testing and not enough emphasis on the students themselves.....Please.....no more tests.....I have already met with fellow teachers in my District and we will have to restructure what we teach and how we teach due to the incredible amount of class time devoted to PSSA's. We are drowning our kids in tests. It is poor policy and becoming counter productive.

Thank You for your Time

Larry M Shepard