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Subject: graduation comeptency assessments

Dear Mr. Buckheit,

I am a parent of two children, one in 6th grade and the other in 9th grade in West Chester, Pennsylvania. I was recently made aware of the possibility of a graduation competency assessment being implemented in Pennsylvania.

I must say that I totally disagree with our children having to take a standardized test to graduate. If in fact you do not catch that a child is not progressing prior to graduation then shame on the education system.

I would think that PSSA tests that the children are required to take on a routine basis should be enough. In fact it appears to me that we are spending too much time as it is already teaching for the PSSA. Implementation of another test is a waste of tax payers dollars as well as unnecessary stress added to the lives of our children.

Sincerely,

Lisa Lamorgese

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