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Jim,

I just heard about the proposed changes. At this point, I only have one daughter left in public school. She is a junior and really won't be affected by this. however, I just want to voice a concern overall.

I have 2 daughters. My oldest is now a Junior at Penn State Main Campus. She always did well in school and was in the "leap" program in our school district.

My younger daughter always had to work for her grades. As a little better than average student, she was kept in all the regular classes. She was different though in that she always did well in classes, but never did well in testing. She freezes during tests and never has enough time to take the test.

My problem is that you really need to better judge a student in ways other than just tests. There are more students out there like this than one would think.

Please keep this in mind when considering how to assess student's competency.

Thank you,

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