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Hello Mr Buckheit,

I would like to recommend the Graduation Competency Assessment. Without proper assessment students will not be able to be measured on capability. It is no surprise that American high school students are entering the workforce without proper reading and writing skills. Companies are forced to educate their workers or fire them because of their poor language usage. Our students' inability to read and write properly is costing American corporations billions of dollars every year.

Another reason I support testing is due to my experience in teaching high school students. Some, not all, high school students digress and must be heavily motivated to achieve greatness in the school environment after they have been accepted into college. Having higher standards to strengthen their incentive to graduate with stamina and ability is a worthy progression into the work force.

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