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Dear Sir or Madam,

I wanted to express my concerns about asking high school students to pass these competency exams in many subjects that should not be regarded as vital to graduation requirements.

I strongly oppose this new legislative bill requiring high school seniors to pass exams in Alegbra 11 and Chemistry. We are losing the focus of what learning is all about. We are basing too much on testing results. Haven't we learned that one test is NO indication of who a student really is? We are OVERTESTING and really losing the joy of teaching and learning. There is nothing to be gained by this idea. If you want to make education really matter, our society needs to make school a priority, and that starts in the home. We need children who come to school ready to learn, are respectful and focused. There are many things we need in education, but the "FIX" is not more testing. Thank you, Judy Saunders Wynnewood, PA