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Dear Mr. Buckheit,

I am writing to express my opposition to the high stakes Graduation Competency Assessment that are being proposed... especially when the graduates in question have completed all the required courses, earned good grades, completed all projects necessary, and have taken the PSSA's and SAT's. It is ABSURD the amount of standardized assessments students today are faced with. They have already proven themselves to be successful. I am sure the scores will be published in every newspaper in every town. Before that, I'd like to see your score and the scores of your colleagues on the 10 assessments. As an educator, you should know performance assessments are a better indicator than any standardized assessment! I am shocked that this is even being considered. Haven't we learned our lessons with No Child Left Behind?? There is way too much assessing and not enough time teaching and TRULY educating our children to be successful 21st century learners! In conclusion, I OPPOSE this LUDICROUS proposal of assessments!

Beth Walsh