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I can't imagine that this is actually in the works! This is totally unnecessary and unequivocally unfair! Students who have passed their courses SHOULD always be allowed to graduate without any exit exam. We have placed entirely too much importance on standardized testing and I believe it is eroding our educational system. Just a few short years ago people in education realized that there were more ways to evaluate a student's learning than by testing. If we are trying to improve the education of our students, you are missing the boat! So many students struggle as it is to do the work in order to pass and graduate. I believe the result of this exam will cause a HUGE increase in the dropout rate of our students. Some will anticipate that test and think, "What the heck! I won't pass it anyway. What's the point in staying in school?" Please, please, please forget this nonsense!

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