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i oppose the thought of of having students pass a competency exam just to graduate from high school. if they have achieved all of the school's requirements then they should have the right to receive a diploma. if there is uncertainty regarding requirements, credits etc. then maybe the state department of education should have minimum standards or a standard that all 501 school districts can achieve. this would include standard grading scale, comparative curriculum etc. attendance policies, and so forth. why is it that one district can do this but another can not. instead of having a school board per district maybe having one that is for the entire county or for the entire IU. then there would be some equality in the above items that i have mentioned. this would also help the student who moves from one district to another. but please do not have or mandate graduation competency assessments. we as teachers have enough to do without teaching another thing. and we know that there would be schools that would teach the test in order to reach the proficient level on these assessments.