

**Buckheit, James**

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Dear Mr. Buckheit,

I am writing to you as a taxpayer, a teacher of twenty years, and the father of three students who passed through our educational system. I am deeply concerned over your proposal to install Graduation Competency Assessments to an already over-burdened process. I am concerned about several aspects of this scheme: the cost (in an era of tight budgets, staff cuts, and need for more space for a growing student population), the confusion (created by a system that wants to incorporate yet another standardized test along with the PSSAs), the time taken away from studies to administer another test, and yet another barrier that may increase the dropout rate rather than lower it. I truly think that this idea is a bad one and would like to officially register my opposition to it.

Sincerely,

Tom Beccone

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