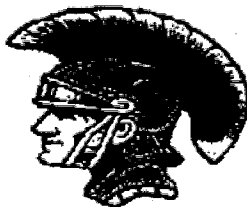


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Dr. Zahorchak:

I am writing to express my support of the new graduation requirements for high school students in the Commonwealth. As a PC Maintenance and Data Networking instructor, I support the new Graduation Competency Assessments. The workplace in the computer field is growing at an exceptional rate worldwide and students' need to be able to communicate at proficient level. In my opinion these tests will aid the students in learning more than the vocational trade I teach.

My students excel at computer repair but sometimes struggle with the academic subjects that are covered the GAC's and making these tests requirements it will encourage them to excel at these subjects as well. These tests will make the student a marketable and competent student after leaving high school in the computer field or another field my students choose to pursue. These tests will also put my students and other students on the same level of education post high school because the material will be standardized for every school district instead of the 501 graduation requirements currently being used throughout our state. In 2006, 57,000 students got a diploma without showing academic proficiency.

It cheats our kids and can give them false belief they are prepared when they are not. Any test or curriculum that will aid in students being prepared after high school I support.

Sincerely,

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GJHS Computer Maintenance Instructor

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