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REVIEW COMMISSION
Subject: high school graduation competency test

Dear Mr. Buckheit,

This letter is to discuss the impact of a high school graduation competency test.

Subjecting our students to another test is ridiculous! Do you not trust the teachers in our school system? If they do their job and give tests on a regular basis in each subject it should be safe to assume that the student knows the material. Requiring students to take another test would just encourage the teacher to "teach to the test". This is clearly a "no child left behind" issue. The expense of another test is not warranted and the reasoning is unfounded. Funding for this test could be used to improve low scoring students in specific studies or provide more challenging studies for the advanced. We do not need to create more 'chaos' in the school system but we could enhance what we already have.

Please rethink this...seriously.

Sally Coffey