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From: Kathy Chavara
To: j buckheit@state.pa.us
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2008 10:28 PM
Subject: Proposed Policy on

Dear Mr. Buckheit:

As a parent of three school age children, 4th through 10th grades, I hope that the state committee takes a hard look at the testing requirements already placed on our children. As a parent, our kids have spent way more time with "extra preparation" required for all of the current testing. In my opinion, one more test to see what a child has learned by the end of his/her 11th or 12th grade year is not really going to assist the child (which I believe public education should be focusing on at this time).

We live in a northern suburb of Pittsburgh. Please note that I strongly agree with our school board's decision to oppose the Proposed Policy of Graduation Competency Assessments.

Please rethink your actions. These tests do not appear to be in the "best interest" for our kids.

Sincerely,
 Kathy Chavara
 David Chavara
 Pine Richland School District

6/24/2008