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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

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**Subject:** Keystone Exams

**Message:**

As a parent with 3 children in the Pine Richland School District, I oppose the implementation of the Keystone Exams. State mandated graduation exams are not an appropriate use of our tax dollars. The economic impact to develop and implement the test and the true cost to tax payers at both the state and local level is an unknown. The proposed testing erodes local control of graduation requirements. In effect, it is saying that local school districts and school boards are ineffective at measuring the success of their students. Our own local standards and criteria for graduation are more rigorous and far exceed those of current state standards. The PSSA is already given as a means by which to measure the effectiveness of curriculum and teaching methods that serve to meet required State standards. The PSSA is just one tool that should be used to guide the proficiency needs of an individual student throughout his or her educational career. An additional test at graduation is too late to correct a missed opportunity at guiding proficiency in core curriculum. Simpy put, our school districts and students will not benefit from the Keystone Exams.

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