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**To:** David Sumner  
**Subject:** Keystone exams as a graduation requirement.

**Executive Director David Sumner,**

As we all know, each and every student tests differently, and all of them have different dreams and desires for their futures. In order for our children to be successful, they need our support and motivation. Many are able to take a test and succeed, but not all students are successful in taking written tests. I've had students who read and write at a college level, and have barely scored proficient on the 8th grade Writing PSSAs, as well as students who clearly understand calculus, but just cannot wrap their heads around basic algebra, as the components are significantly different. These students will succeed if we help them to spread their wings, but if we base their abilities on tests alone, they will give up, they will drop out, and their confidence levels will be destroyed.

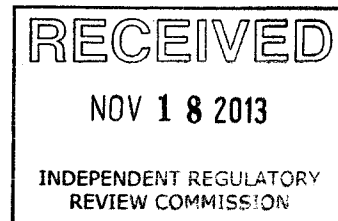
Please take our kids into full consideration when coming up with a final decision for the impact that the Keystone exams will have on our students and our schools. It may sound cliché, but they truly are our future!

Thank you,

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