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I am an educator that has experience from various parts of the world. The Keystone Examinations would be one that would fall into place if we used those examinations for students' next step into the realm of higher education. PSSA testing, which takes narrows the curriculum by being time-consuming and does not actually test a student's knowledge or ability, should be eliminated. This would allow students and teachers the time to enhance education within the various facets of knowledge and social ethics. In turn, we could have one comprehensive final exam...the Keystone as a type of "maturity" exam to end the students' public education. I don't believe we need to add more testing to our system. Life is not a multiple choice questionnaire.

We have seen that this works well around the world, and I believe if we allow some changes to echo these successful education programs in other places, we will be able to put ourselves back into global competition, for which we are no longer able to compete.

Thank you for taking your time to read this and for all you are doing!

Kindest of regards,
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