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I am dismayed at the idea of our legislature approving the current plan for Keystone Exams. To pin a student's ability to earn a high school diploma on a single test is absurd. While PDE has made plans for students who don't pass, these plans effectively turn comprehensive high schools into testing/remediation factories. Where will the arts go? Where will electives that help students determine possible career paths go? Our future leaders who could participate in classes like Constitutional Law or AP Government will not be able to do so because they will have to fill their schedule with remedial classes.

The amount of planning that has gone into this is absurd. We have spent years talking about Keystones and yet PDE has created such a colossal failure by their lack of involving the schools, asking good questions, or having answers to the simplest of questions posed by school districts. Districts continue to attempt to hit a moving target. It will be no small wonder when many of them fail.

Please, do what is right for students in the Commonwealth and vote down the Keystone Exams.

Thank you.

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