

Dear Senator Rob Wagner, Chair  
Senate Education Committee

I write in support of SB 1572 that removes the authority of the State Board of Education to establish requirements, such as passing the Essential Learning Skills test, which go beyond meeting subject matter requirements that students must satisfy in order to receive a high school diploma.

I believe it is unfair to deny students a diploma, who have met subject matter credit requirements and limit their future earning opportunities. In addition I think, that to correct this injustice, diplomas should be awarded to students who were denied a diploma in the past due to the failure to meet requirements no longer needed to receive a high school diploma.

We should be spending less funding and focus on high stakes testing and more on supporting teachers in the classroom to meet the educational needs of their students.

Sincerely,

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