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I’ve seen what standardized tests do to my students. They cause so much unnecessary stress and anxiety. Teachers and parents know students best—we shouldn’t be taking graduation decisions out of their hands. **That’s why I’m voting Yes on 2.**”

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# Teachers know our kids better than any test.

Vote **Yes on 2** and let teachers **decide** when kids are ready to graduate, **not the MCAS**.



Our children deserve to be seen as more than just a standardized test score. Right now, even if a student's teachers, parents, and grades indicate they're ready to graduate, the **MCAS can still hold them back from receiving their diploma**.

Teachers, parents, and pediatricians all agree that the MCAS:



Imposes too much stress and anxiety on our students.



Takes control away from parents and teachers.



Doesn't fairly evaluate whether a student has the skills they need to be successful.

## By voting Yes on 2, we will:

- ✓ Empower teachers and parents to **work together to help students thrive**.
- ✓ Reduce anxiety and stress for students, allowing them to focus on **developing essential critical thinking skills**, rather than just practicing test-taking skills for a single high-stakes exam.
- ✓ Ensure **students who are ready to graduate aren't held back by a test score** just because they struggle with standardized tests.



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