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I'm currently serving in my 13th year on the Eugene 4j School Board

## I'm supporting elimination of the Essential Skills Tests (EST)

Because of the Unintended Consequences

These tests negatively impact our most vulnerable students

ELL - Poverty - Special Needs - and increases Testing time

Examples

The 3 math credits required starting with Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2,

Credit Recovery limits access to relevant electives students want.

Reduces Councilor Effectiveness 9th -12th that would be better used

to reduce Sophomore Dropouts

Limits time for courses such as (Financial Literacy and Civic Literacy)

I suggest that the State Board of Education provide curriculum examples of Math and Literacy curriculum that districts could use to meet the Math - Science - and Literacy credit requirements.

Finally, help districts

“Provide multiple pathways to student success, including instructional and career pathways to engage all students for post-graduate readiness.”

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