



Question 2 Explained: If Not the MCAS Requirement, Then What?

For those who aren't elbow deep in the inner workings of the commonwealth's education system, there are two big questions that come up when considering Question 2:

If we do away with the MCAS graduation requirement, how will we ensure our state's high standards are being met?

How will we know if students are ready for graduation?

ANSWER:

We'll evaluate students through many other forms of assessment like coursework, local graduation requirements, teacher feedback, report cards as well as standardized tests like the MCAS, NAEP, and ACCESS.

The Grade 10 MCAS is just one of many ways that we can assess whether a student is on track for graduation. Plus, voting Yes on Question 2 will not eliminate the MCAS test altogether (it's federally mandated).

Ending the MCAS graduation requirement will simply lower the harmful pressure, and reduce the scores to one of many data points that educators and schools use to support students and prepare for postsecondary success.

OUR VIEW: The best way to ensure accountability for ALL students and across ALL our standards, is to incorporate multiple forms of assessment throughout the course of the year, not rely only on a one-size-fits-all standardized test taken once a year.

Vote Yes on Question 2 to stop a standardized test from overruling a student's work and a teacher's expertise.