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<u>VIDEO</u>	<u>AUDIO</u>
SLATE - NEWS FROM THE BOARD	(music full)
SLATE - FEBRUARY 28, 2007	(music full)
SLATE - HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENTSSOT NANCY GRASMICK T3 2814 (HOLD OVER DATE SLATE AS WELL)	(sot nancy grasmick) 'We are not recommending abandoning this 2009 timeline.'
SOT NANCY GRASMICKCG - NANCY S. GRASMICK MD SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT	(sot nancy grasmick) 'But as we look at all the components of this requirement, we are saying there will be adjustments based on a reasonable interpretation of all the data.'
FILE STUDENTS	(narrator track) the graduating class of 2009, (today's sophomores) must pass the high school assessments to graduate.
GRAPHIC PULL FROM INFINITY 2005-2006 RESULTS:- ALGEBRA/D.A. - 71.5 % PASS- BIOLOGY - 79.4% PASS- GOVERNMENT - 77.8% PASS- ENGLISH 2 - NO DATA YET CLASS OF 2009	already, that class is well on its way.
	as freshmen last year, nearly 72-percent - passed Algebra/data analysis.

		almost 80-percent passed biology --
		78-percent - government.
		no data is yet available on the new english two test.
CUT OF NANCY		but, state schools superintendent dr. nancy grasmick is asking the board for time beyond two-thousand-nine for SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS, english language learners, and those with special learning plans.
SOT NANCY GRASMICK T3 2618		(SOT NANCY GRASMICK) '... think about a slower phase-in opportunity for these students...'
FILE SHOTS STUDENTS TAKING TESTS		(narrator track) DR. GRASMICK underlined alternatives available to those who fear difficulty:
PUSH 50% FREEZE & REVEAL(VIDEO HERE) - COMP HSA - ALT-HSA - MOD-HSA - 3 OPPORTUNITIES - ONLINE COURSES - IN-SCHOOL HELP		- a comparable hsa now being piloted in two counties --
		and alternative and modified hsa for students with learning impairments.
		- students also have three chances each year to take and pass the tests.
		- and online & in-school help is available.
BOARD CUTS		HISTORICALLY, the board began a push for graduation tests in the early nineties.
		the first FIELD TESTING ...
SOT GARY HEATH		(sot gary heath) '1999-2000...'
SCORES ON CHARTS		(narrator track) as gary heath explains ... began the process.
		the scores were tracked starting two years later.

SOT GARY HEATH T3 3226		(sot gary heath) 'invariably, the year that it counts and typically every year thereafter, you see a jump in student performance...'
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