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SLATE - AUGUST 28, 2007 SOT LESLIE WILSON CG - LESLIE WILSON ASS'T. SUP'T., DIV. OF ASSESSMENT	(sot LESLIE WILSON) 'Our point of view is by 2009 we expect nearly all the remaining graduates to be able to pass the High School Assessments...'
CUTS OF THE BOARD	(narrator track) using data from just-released results, the maryland state department of education supports keeping in place the
FILE STUDENTS	requirement that students pass all four high school assessments to graduate.
	the board passed the requirement four years ago.
	it starts with the class of oh-nine.
	but with the deadline closing in, some have voiced concerns.
NAT FULL LESLIE 3226 (LESLIE AT SCREEN)	(nat full leslie at screen) '... passed in the tenth grade...'
HOLDING VIDEO OR USING POWERPOINT SCREENSHOTS	(narrator track) assistant superintendent leslie wilson used the numbers, from algebra.

SOT 3425-34		(sot leslie wilson) 'we really believe that we've got enough consistency here that all of the different content areas are gonna follow the same pattern as Algebra.'
GRAPHIC: USE SCREENSHOT AND DIM TO OVERLAY GRAPHIC ALGEBRA RESULTS:51,000 STUDENTS PASSED55,000 STUDENTS TOTAL (APPROX.) 2006-2007 TEST		(narrator track) in a nutshell, 51-THOUSAND members of last year's sophomore class PASSED ALGEBRA.
		data trends indicate all but a few of the remaining four-thousand will pass by their senior year.
STUDENTS FILE		students typically find algebra the more difficult test.
GRAPHIC 'HSA RESULTS' DIMMEDOTHER HSA RESULTS:ENGLISH - 45,000GOVERNMENT - 47,000BIOLOGY - 41,000 2006-2007 TEST		results from other tests seem lower, but MSDE POINTS OUT many students simply have yet to take these three tests, and the results will quickly add up to the 55-thousand mark.
SOT NANCY GRASMICK 3550CG - NANCY GRASMICK MD SCHOOLS SUP'T.		(SOT NANCY GRASMICK) 'it is our feeling that we should have, because we believe in multiple measures, an alternative for students in terms of passing these High School Assessments.'
POT NANCY UNDER FOR A MOMENT...		(narrator track) for those who have tried twice and failed ...the state has proposed what it calls a 'bridge plan.'

SOT NANCY GRASMICK 3700		(sot nancy grasmick) 'we would develop statewide criteria for students to be able to do a substantive and rigorous project that would reflect their knowledge and mastery.'
GRAPHIC:BRIDGE PLAN:- PASS THE COURSE- RECEIVE REQUIRED CREDITS- MAINTAIN ATTENDANCE PROPOSAL		(narrator track) students using this option still would have to pass the course, get the credits, and maintain their attendance.
		from there, local jurisdictions would develop the projects.
SOT JOHN DEASY 3928-34		(SOT JOHN DEASY) 'It's working and it's working I think because the Board hasn't wavered...'
POT JOHN DEASY SOT UNDER		(narrator track) SUPERINTENDENT JOHN DEASY OF PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY,. SUPPORTS THE hsa's, and the bridge PLAN.
SOT JOHN DEASY 4014		(SOT JOHN DEASY) 'and what this proposal does is it provides another vehicle through which the same standards, the same content can be mastered.'
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