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Good evening my name is Amanda Cooper and I'm an 8th grade English and social studies teacher in Gorham. One of the things that has been troubling with the transition that many of the teachers that I work with in regard to the proficiency based system and the current social studies standards is unpacking all of those performance indicators in a way that is easily measurable and reliable in its measurement. So that is one of the things I hope as they look at the new standards they will consider again the process of unpacking. It's all great stuff, I agree with the gentlemen who spoke before me, it's all really great stuff, but it is a lot. I think perhaps some guidance. I just overheard in the back a conversation about the big difference between 6th graders and 8th graders and that is absolutely true. I would hope that some of that is taken into account as well as an effort to make sure that we continue to have spiraling curriculums in our K-12 schools.