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State Board of Education
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Dear Mr. Buckheit, and State Board of Education Members,

I am writing to express my opposition to the GCAs for the following reasons:

1. I am opposed because we already test our students in math, reading and science through the state PSSA exams and our district reaches proficiency in all of these topics.
2. I am opposed to double testing of our students.
3. I am opposed because GCAs do not test our students on relevant 21st century skills, and valuable class time will have to be diverted to prepare students to take these additional tests.

Most sincerely,

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