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Subject: GCA TESTING

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

We are writing to express our OPPOSITION to the GCAs.

It is our belief that students in Pennsylvania are subject to already too much standardized testing which is taking away from their time in the classroom actually learning. We already test our students in math, reading and science when they take the state PSSA exams. There is no need for double testing.

We are opposed because GCAs will not be provided in a format that meets the needs of diverse learners.

We are also opposed because students in our district are already reaching proficiency in reading, math, and science either through the PSSA exams or through a comprehensive, local assessment.

We are additionally 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.

Thank you!!

Most sincerely,

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