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**Subject:** opposition to GCA testing

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

For all of the following reasons, I am in opposition  
to the GCAs.

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

I am opposed because we already test our students in  
math, reading and science through the state PSSA  
exams.

I am opposed to double testing of our students.

I am 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.

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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