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Subject: Opposiition to the GCAs

State Board of Education 333 Market St. Harrisburg, PA 17126

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

I am writing to express my opposition to the GCAs.

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

The GCAs would be double testing our students and would reduce the number of instructional days beacause valuable class time will have to be diverted to prepare students to take these additional tests.

Our local school district is currently preparing all students for success in college and the workplace.

Our district is already reaching proficieny in reading, math and science either through PSSA exams or through a comprehensive, local assessment.

Most Sincerely,

Patricia A. Hino and Andrew Hino Tredyffrin/Easttown residents