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Subject: opposition to GCAs

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State Board of Education
333 Market St.
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Dear Mr. Buckheit and State Board of Education Members:

We are writing to express our opposition to the GCAs.

We are opposed because GCAs will not be provided in a format that meets the needs of diverse learners. We are opposed because we already test our students in math, reading and science through the state PSSA exams. Finally, we are 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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