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We are writing to express our opposition to the GCAs.

We are opposed because we already test our students in math, reading and science through the state PSSA exams. The addition of the GCS battery reduces the number of instructional days and would impose an unreasonable load of high-stakes testing on students. Our children are already facing a burden of stressful standardized tests. Additionally, GCAs will not be provided in a format that meets the needs of diverse learners.

Sincerely,

Robert and Margaret Winters