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Subject: MY OPPOSITION TO GCAs

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

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

I am writing to express my opposition to the GCAs. I oppose them for many reasons including:

- 1) The GCAs will not be provided in a format that meets the needs of diverse learners.
- 2) We already test our students in math, reading and science through the state PSSA exams.
- 3) Students in our district are already reaching proficiency in reading, math, and science either through the PSSA exams or through a comprehensive, local assessment.
- 4) The 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.

Sincerely,

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Tredyffrin/Easttown resident and mother of three students currently enrolled in the T/E School District

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