

2696

From: Karen Ogren [Kogren@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, May 23, 2008 11:26 AM
To: j buckheit@state.pa.us; IRRRC; jrhoades@pasen.gov; musto@pasenate.com; jstairs@pahousegop.com; jroebuck@pahouse.net; dmilne@pahousegop.com; cruble@pahousegop.com; eerickson@pasen.gov; andydinniman@pasenate.com
Subject: GCA

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.

Enough with the testing and move on with the learning. Class time needs to focus on preparing our children for a career to support a family and to make a difference for our country. My children are tested and tested and tested. They spend classroom time preparing for the tests. I want them spending classroom time with hands on learning. No Child Left Behind has caused my children to slow down their progress so others can catch up. Now you want to divert the kids and teachers attention once again for another set of standardized test. Please give our teachers, and our school and district administration some credit and let them teach our children relevant topics to prepare them for the best future they are capable of achieving and don't force more tests which are narrowly focused and irrelevant for a diverse set of children.

Most sincerely,

Jeff and Karen Ogren
Tredyffrin/Easttown resident

RECEIVED
2008 MAY 23 AM 11:32
INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

5/23/2008