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Subject: GCA

Dear State Board of Education Members,

I am writing to express my opposition to the GCAs.

I am opposed to double testing of our students in the Tredyffrin-Easttown School District. I am opposed because students in our district are already reaching proficiency in reading, math, and science either through the PSSA exams or through a comprehensive, local assessment.

The addition of the GCS battery reduces the number of instructional days and would impose an unreasonable load of high-stakes testing on students who are already facing a burden of stressful standardized tests.

I think our students need more time learning skills which will be used in real life, and not spend precious classroom hours studying to pass some test that is a repeat of something they are already tested on.

Most sincerely,

Linda Barber
Tredyffrin/Easttown resident

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