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Subject: Opposition to GCA

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

I am writing to express my opposition to the GCAs.

I am opposed to the double testing of our students because students in the T-E school district have demonstrated time and time again an exceptional proficiency in reading, math, and science either through the PSSA exams or through a comprehensive, local assessment.

I ask that you consider evaluation criteria based on the school's individual assessment. If you have done your research, you must have seen the percentage of students who graduate from Conestoga HS and continue onto college is over 95%. Additionally, the colleges they are attending are top notch institutions. Why would you need more testing?? Because less than 5% of the student body does not go onto college? Perhaps it may be a choice or someone who is undecided or quite possibly in this period of hyper-inflation of college tuition costs, can't afford it. We have one of the top school districts in the country and that should be a reason in itself not to implement the GCAs.

Most sincerely,

Gregory and Laura Johnson
Tredyffrin-Easttown resident

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