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Subject: NO MORE testing for children!

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

I am writing to express my opposition to the GCAs. I am opposed because we already test our students in math, reading and science through the state PSSA exams and there are TOO MANY of these exams as it is. Our children do not have to be tested year after year. This takes away from their normal learning experience in school. For example during the weeks of testing (year after year) the children do not get to learn new material because they are engaged in testing rather than learning. Why have so much testing? I trust the teachers and the administration in our district to provide a good education. Stop testing and start trusting teachers and parents. Please do not force teachers to teach only certain material to ensure children pass some arbitrary exam. Enough is enough! There should be fewer PSSA's as well. They don't need to be given year after year.

Most sincerely,

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