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State Board of Education  
 333 Market St.  
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Dear Mr. Buckheit, and State Board of Education Members,

I am writing to express my opposition to the GCAs.

I am opposed because GCAs will not be provided in a format that meets the needs of diverse learners, and due to the fact that we already test our students in math, reading and science through the state PSSA exams.

I feel that "double testing" of our students is unnecessary, especially when students in our district are already reaching proficiency in reading, math, and science either through the PSSA exams or through a comprehensive, local assessment.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, I am opposed because 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.

Thank you for your consideration of my position on this issue.

Sincerely,

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 Tredyffrin/Easttown resident

Mother of (3) Children - (2) presently enrolled in TE Schools