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**Subject:** LETTER OF OPPOSITION TO THE GCA'S

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


I am writing to express my opposition to the GCAs for a number of reasons.

I am opposed because GCAs will not be provided in a format that meets the needs of diverse learners and do not test our students on relevant 21st century skills; valuable class time will have to be diverted to prepare students to take these additional tests.

As we already test our students in math, reading and science through the state PSSA exams, our students would be double tested. Keep in mind that students in our district are already reaching proficiency in reading, math, and science either through the PSSA exams or through a comprehensive, local assessment. This initiative seems to me to be an added burden that the students will absolutely NOT benefit from, and will ultimately be quite needlessly costly to execute.

Most sincerely,

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