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

I am writing to express my opposition to the GCA's

I/we are opposed because the Parkland School District has followed the directives of the Department and no one from the state has come in to see the wonderful things we are doing.

I am opposed because you don't punish every district for the failures of a few.

I am opposed because GCAs will not be provided in a format that meets the needs of diverse learners.

I am opposed because we already test our students in math, reading and science through the state PSSA exams.

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

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.

I am opposed because the funds appropriated for the development of more tests could be better used to fund programs and remediation in the early grades

Most sincerely,

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