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Subject: My Opposition to the Proposed Standard GCA Tests

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 proposed GCAs.

I am opposed to these tests because we already test our students in any subjects, including math, reading and science through the state PSSA exams, mid terms, finals and other college preparatory exams. Our school district graduates 100% of our Conestoga High School students and 95% of these students immediately enter college and continue on to become exceptional members of the Pennsylvania professional work force. These are facts that demonstrate the existing proficiency of our school district's educational curriculum and the dedication and capabilities of the school district educators.

I am opposed to adding another set of tests that are much narrower in scope, because they will require a specific, potentially lower level curriculum, for a lower proficiency test. Because of this, preparing for these tests will actually be detrimental to my children's ability to spend time gaining a wider base of knowledge.

I hope you will seriously consider not instituting these additional set of tests as a state requirement for achieving a high school diploma.

Most sincerely,

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