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**Subject:** Graduation Compentency Assesment Comments

Dear Mr. Buckheit and State Board of Education Members,

We are writing to express our opposition to the GCAs. We are opposed because students in our district are already reaching proficiency in reading, math, and science either through the PSSA exams or through a comprehensive, local assessment. The addition of the GCS battery reduces the number of instructional days and would impose an unreasonable load of high-stakes testing on students who are already facing a burden of stressful standardized tests.

We hope that you too will see it best to oppose this proposed legislation.

Sincerely,

Lori & Rocco Piccone  
Tredyffrin/Easttown residents

Parents of students of the years 2020 and 2022 graduating classes

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