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**Subject:** GCA's

I oppose Graduation Competency Exams. Our district is already preparing students for college and the work force. GCA's would remove local control of curriculum, which serves the needs of students in the local communities. GCA's would be costly to both state taxpayers and local district taxpayers. High stakes paper and pencil tests have been shown to be poor predictors of future success. Students who have received offers of college acceptance, but do not pass a single test, could have those offers withdrawn. This single test could needlessly effect their futures.

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