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

It has come to my attention that the PA Dept of Education has set forth a proposal for yet another series of tests for our students. I am writing to express my opposition to the GCAs.

I am opposed for the following reasons:

- GCAs will not be provided in a format that meets the needs of diverse learners.
- We already test our students in math, reading and science through the state PSSA exams.
- **Most importantly**, because GCAs will 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.

Students in our district are already reaching proficiency in reading, math, and science either through the PSSA exams or through a comprehensive, local assessment. **We do not need additional tests.**

Most sincerely,

Allison W. Cutler
Resident and parent of two students in Tredyffrin/Easttown

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