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Subject: GCA opposition letter

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 GCAs.

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 and the burden of more testing and with that will be class time devoted to preparing students for these exams. It happens with the PSSA exams already.

I am 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.

We are fortunate that we have such a wonderful school district and there should be another way to help other districts that need the attention to reach their benchmarks without imposing more testing across the state.

Please hear our voices. We are parents of young students (2nd and 4th grade currently) who will be affected by this law. Our children go through much more testing now than ever before and they will continue to face more testing throughout their educational life including high school and college. I hope we can impact our school district in the most positive way, but the GCAs are not helping our children.

Most sincerely,

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