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**Subject:** Graduate Competency Assessments

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

I am writing to express my opposition to the Graduate Competency Assessments.(GCA's)

I applaud your efforts and recognition that graduation standards are important, but your current proposals do not take into account the fact that local curriculum, instructional plans and assessments are already successfully implemented in school districts like Tredyffrin/ Easttown. Our local educational system and assessment address all of our different learners as demonstrated by our increasingly high test scores and student achievements. All Districts, like ours should be encouraged to maintain and extend their system and not be forced to switch to something else or be penalized for not doing so.

Most sincerely,

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Tredyffrin/Easttown School Board Member and Parent

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