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Dear Mr. Buckheit, and other involved parties,

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. The implementation of GCA's will only serve to double test our already over-tested students. The students in our district are already reaching proficiency in reading, math, and science either through the PSSA exams or through a comprehensive, local assessment. By adding this additional testing you are also taking away valuable class time that will have to be diverted to prepare students to take these additional tests.

I invite you to spend a month of your time as a student in our school district and take their already required testing. Or spend a month of your time as a classroom teacher who has to forgo educating our children to prep them for these high stakes tests.

Most sincerely (but also disappointed),

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