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

We are writing to express our opposition to the GCAs.

We are opposed because we already test our students in math, reading and science through the state PSSA exams. We are opposed to double testing of our students. We are 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 opposed because GCAs do 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.

Most sincerely,
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