

2696

From: Kristin Lacher [kristinlacher@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2008 11:28 AM
To: j buckheit@state.pa.us; IRRRC; jrhoades@pasen.gov; musto@pasenate.com; jstairs@pahousegop.com; jroebuck@pahouse.net; dmilne@pahousegop.com; cruble@pahousegop.com; eerickson@pasen.gov; andydinniman@pasenate.com
Subject: I oppose the Pennsylvania Graduation Competency Assessments (GCAs).

Hello - I am writing to express my **OPPOSITION** of the Pennsylvania Graduation Competency Assessments (GCAs).

I **OPPOSE** the GCAs for many reasons, including:

- 1)I am opposed because we already test our students in math, reading and science through the state PSSA exams.
- 2)I am opposed to double testing of our students. 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.
- 3)I am opposed because GCAs because valuable class time will have to be diverted to prepare students to take these additional tests.
- 4)Lastly, the money that would be spent on designing, administering, and evaluating the GCAs would be better spent on smaller classroom sizes, early identification and intervention of learning differences, and providing all Pennsylvania students with the tools they need to be more successful in the classroom.

Sincerely,

Kristin Lacher
New Eagle Elementary School parent
Tredyffrin Township

Enjoy 5 GB of free, password-protected online storage. [Get Windows Live SkyDrive.](#)

RECEIVED
2008 JUN 11 PM 2:26
INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

6/11/2008