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Subject: GCAs

State Board of Education
333 Market St.
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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 GCAs will not be provided in a format that meets the needs of diverse learners.

I am also opposed because we already test our students in math, reading and science through the state PSSA exams. There is no reason to double test our students. I hope you are aware that 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. Lastly, I am 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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