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Subject: Opposition to GCAs

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

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 and students in our district are already reaching proficiency in reading, math, and science either through the PSSA exams or through a comprehensive, local assessment. 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,

Claudia Dugan

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