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REVIEW COMMISSION**Cc:** andydinniman@pasenate.com**Subject:** GCA opposition

I'm a parent of children in the West Chester Area School District. I'm in hearty agreement with WCASD School Board's decision to resolve against the required testing. I don't believe that standardized testing does much of anything to benefit the child being tested, and contributes very little to the formation of public policy concerning education. I hope that these requirements do not take effect, or barring that, are severely modified. My core reason for opposition is based on the idea that standardized testing is anti-democratic in its attempt to place value on the homogeneity of the educational process.

From the WCASD website <http://www.wcasd.k12.pa.us/news/news052108.htm>

"The elected members of the West Chester Area School District Board of Directors, on February 25th, 2008, voted 8 to 1 to submit a resolution to the State Board of Education to register opposition to the GCA amendment to Chapter 4. Most other school boards in Southeastern Pennsylvania have also voiced their opposition to the proposed graduation requirements."

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