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**Subject:** Opposition to GCAs

State Board of Education  
333 Market St.  
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Dear Mr. Buckheit, and State Board of Education Members,

I oppose the proposed GCAs in addition to the PSSA exams already given in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> grades that evaluate students' proficiency in the subjects of math, reading and science. The students in the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District are already reaching proficient levels through the PSSA exams or through a comprehensive, local assessment. The more standardized testing that is required of students, the less time there is to actually be teaching in the classroom.

Sincerely,

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