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Subject: Fw: Fwd: GRADUATION COMPETENCY ASSESSMENTS (GCAs)

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I support the NAACP position as developed by the NAACP branches across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania opposing any further testing of high school students and the denial of the high school diploma for students who may indeed fail a "high stakes test".

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Please support our children by saying "NO" to the GCAs. Send forward this document to
Jbuckheit@state.pa.us

We only have until June 16th to respond to Mr. Buckheit.

marilyn barnett

-----Original Message-----

From: drbarnett8@aol.com
To: ALMASFOX@VERIZON.NET; jbuckheit@state.pa.us; Drbarnett8@aol.com
Sent: Thu, 12 Jun 2008 3:16 pm
Subject: GRADUATION COMPETENCY ASSESSMENTS (GCAs)

TO: JIM BUCKHEIT jbuckheit@state.pa.us
FROM: Marilyn Barnett, Education Chair, NAACP Pittsburgh Branch
RE: GCAs

We, members of the NAACP and Pittsburgh Community stand in support with the Pittsburgh Branch of the NAACP in opposition to the GCAs. We understand the State Board of Education has proposed changes to Chapter 4 relating to academic Standards and assessments.

We further understand that failure of students to pass 6 of 10 examinations or a combination of PSSA, Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate tests will in fact deny many, many students the opportunity to receive their high school diplomas.

Hence, we support the position as developed by the NAACP branches across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania opposing any further testing of high school students and the denial of the high school diploma for students who may indeed fail a "high stakes test".