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Dear Mr. Buckheit and State Board of Education Members,

I am writing to express my opposition to the GCA's.

We live in the Tredyffrin Easttown School District and feel that our district is currently preparing all of our students for success in college and the workplace. Our students are under a great deal of pressure to succeed and are already tested through PSSA's and ERB's. The addition of the GCS battery of tests reduces the number of instructional days and would impose an unreasonable load of high-stakes testing on students who are already facing a burden of stressful standardized tests. The Conestoga High School students, in particular, have a tremendous burden as many balance some combination of heavy class work, sports, student activities and community work, part-time jobs, and then preparing and stressing about the SAT.

Additionally, adding the GCA's would result in a state-controlled curriculum and limit the ability of our local schools to provide a flexible curriculum based on student needs and desires.

Respectfully,
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