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Please see the attached letter.

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June 16, 2008

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

We are writing to express our strong opposition to the GCAs.

We are opposed because GCAs will not be provided in a format that meets the needs of diverse learners. Students in our district are already reaching proficiency in reading, math, and science either through the PSSA exams or through a comprehensive, local assessment.

We already test our students in math, reading and science through the state PSSA exams and further testing would be time consuming and take away from educational opportunities. We are opposed to this double testing of our students. We are 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,

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