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Subject: NO Graduation Competency Assessment Exam

Dear Mr. Buckheit, Senator Dinniman and Representative Smith,

I am writing to express our opposition to the proposed Graduation Competency Assessment Exam for high schoolers in Pennsylvania. My children are currently in the West Chester Area School District and will be negatively affected by this requirement. I urge you to vote no to this legislation.

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.

Rather than reiterate the numerous reasons why this assessment examination should not be passed, I refer you to the following link which is a joint statement from several high profile educational organizations:

<http://www.psba.org/issues-advocacy/issues-research/assessments-testing-nclb/Joint-Statement-Opposing-GCAs.pdf>

Thank you for your consideration. Please vote "No" to this legislation.

Thank you,

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