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This letter states my opposition to the proposed GCA's. As students in the Centennial School District, my children took rigorous final exams in all their subjects from grade six through grade 12. These exams were NOT pass/fail; the exams were graded and figured into the final grade for each course. I do not believe a state generated pass/fail exam will be as rigorous as the exams our local school district is already administering. State-generated exams would dumb-down the high academic standards we support locally.

Since the imposition of the PSSAs, our teachers have been teaching the exams to the detriment of the regular curriculum. We do not need more teaching-the-test.

Perhaps certain urban or rural school districts are not setting the bar high enough for their graduation requirements; focus on them. Please keep your hands off schools that are already performing at high levels.

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