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Dear Parents,

We are pleased to announce that the Florida Legislature has again appropriated funds for the administration of the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) to grade 10 public high school students. The test will be given during the school day on October 10, 2018. There will be no alternate date. Testing accommodations included on a student's individual educational plan (IEP) or Section 504 plan will be provided if they are allowable under the test publisher's guidelines.

In accordance with section 1007.35(5), Florida Statutes, each public high school shall offer all students enrolled in grade 10 the opportunity to participate in this test free of charge. In addition, each school must provide a written notification to parents/guardians that includes the opportunity to exempt their child from participating. This serves as that notification.

Student assessment data from test results will help us determine student readiness and potential for success in Advanced Placement and other college preparatory courses, and identify students who may need additional instruction before enrolling in such courses. Specifically,

- Grade 10 pre-college testing is an indicator of performance on the SAT.
- The PSAT/NMSQT includes reading, writing, language and mathematics components that focus on the knowledge and skills that are most essential for college and career readiness and success;
- It may be used as a diagnostic tool to measure and follow student performance and pinpoint areas for development.

Students taking this test in grade 10 may participate in the National Merit Scholarship program, but in order to enter the National Merit Scholarship Corporation competition, the student must take the PSAT/NMSQT again in grade 11.