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Dear Families:

In October 2015, the NEW PSAT was administered to all 10th and 11th (and select 9th) grade students across the Division. Participation in this assessment experience provides students and their families with a wealth of information about their readiness for post-secondary learning. Your student's score report will be accessible as early as January 7, 2016 in a new online format. You will be able to access your PSAT score when you create your free CollegeBoard account. You can do this by going to www.collegeboard.org and clicking "sign up" on the left hand side of the page. Please be sure to use your full legal name when you create your account. If you have difficulty accessing your PSAT Score after creating your CollegeBoard account, please see your school counselor.

The CollegeBoard, maker of the PSAT, is working to speed up the turnaround of student results by providing online access to information without having to wait for printed copies to arrive in January and February. However, it is important for parents to understand that you are not required to create a CollegeBoard account and you may opt to wait for the paper score report to be returned to your student during the months of January or February. We hope that you and your student use the tools available within the PSAT online reporting tool to support the post-secondary planning process. Some features of this new online reporting system include:

- Detailed Score Analysis – students will receive detailed information about their PSAT score to include an analysis by question and an explanation about how their score relates to academic skills.
- Free SAT preparation from the Khan Academy – students should review their score reports, identify the questions that were answered incorrectly, and use the Khan Academy resources to improve their performance before they take the SAT.
- National Merit Scholarship Information – students will learn about their eligibility for this prestigious national scholarship program.
- College Search – students will be able to directly link to a customized college search through the BigFuture program sponsored by The CollegeBoard.
- Scholarship Search – students will have access to a national database of scholarships.
- SAT Registration – students will be able to register for the NEW SAT through a direct link on their PSAT score report.

If you have questions about the PSAT, your student's score, or the post-secondary planning process, please contact your student's professional school counselor. Working together and using tools like this, we can make sure that each student is prepared for success after graduation.

Sincerely,

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