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Dear Parents/Guardians of Current 10th and 11th Grade Students:

As part of a comprehensive strategy to open access and opportunity for all students, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) provides important college readiness examinations to all students. This includes the PSAT during the school day for Grade 10 students and SAT School Day for Grade 11 students. Not only does this approach allow greater access to these important examinations, but it supports efforts to remove barriers associated with college entrance examinations and ensures equitable access to these important steps to college and career readiness.

As a result, MCPS is moving forward with plans to offer the following assessments in spring 2021, depending on health and safety conditions:

- The SAT (No Essay) during the school day on April 13, 2021 (make-up date April 27, 2021), at no cost to any Grade 11 student.
- The PSAT during the school day in April 2021 (specific date TBD), at no cost to any Grade 10 students.
- Students opting to take these assessments during the school day will be automatically registered. Students and parents/guardians will be able to elect to participate in the assessments regardless of their selected preference for in-person learning.
- While the goals for these assessments are for maximum student participation, as a result of the pandemic, these are considered optional assessments.
- Please note that students taking the tests during the school day must adhere to the same testing protocols that take place on national testing dates, including approval of individualized accommodations and adherence to COVID-19 guidelines.

If you are interested in taking the PSAT (Grade 10) or SAT (Grade 11) in-person on April 13, 2021, please complete this [Registration Form](#) by February 26, 2021.

Grade 11 students interested in entering the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program are required to complete the [Alternate Entry Form](#). You cannot be considered in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program unless you complete this online form no later than **Thursday, April 1, 2021**. More information on alternative entry can be found [here](#).

More information regarding test day logistics will be provided prior to test day. If you have any question, please contact Mr. Heintze, Assistant Principal: James_T_Heintze@mcpsmd.org.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Baker
Principal