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Dear Parent/Guardian of Grade 11 Student,

On Tuesday, April 9, 2019 Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) will offer the SAT free of charge to all Grade 11 students at each local high school. The SAT is an important measure of each student's readiness for college and careers and is used by many colleges and universities in the admissions process. By offering the SAT during the school day, this helps to remove barriers associated with college entrance examinations and ensure equitable access to these important steps to college and career readiness.

Prior to SAT administration, there is a two-part pre-administration session. **First**, to save time during the actual test administration, certain information about your child will be provided to the College Board (the provider of the SAT), in advance of the SAT. This information covers basic information such as name, school, state student ID, grade, gender, and date of birth. In addition, MCPS shares information with College Board regarding students who qualify for a fee waiver, which is utilized solely for that purpose and is not otherwise tracked or maintained by College Board.

Second, your child will have the opportunity to participate, with your consent, in the optional Student Data Questionnaire. The College Board gives students and families complete discretion regarding any voluntary information they provide as part of the Student Data Questionnaire. Information gathered is used for group reporting, for analysis to ensure that the exams are fair for all groups, to connect your child with potential colleges or scholarship opportunities, and for research. Read more about the Student Data Questionnaire below.

To provide consent for your child to participate in the optional Student Data Questionnaire, you must return a signed consent form by before the school pre-administration session.

- If you have a MyMCPS Portal account, you can provide this consent by logging into the myMCPS Portal at <https://portal.mcpsmd.org/>.
- If you do not have a MyMCPS Portal account, please contact the school to receive account information.
- Or, you can return a copy of this form to your child's school by signing below.

Whether or not you consent for your child to participate in the optional Student Data Questionnaire, your child will still be able to participate in the SAT School Day on Tuesday April 9, 2019.

Your child's school counselor and other staff will be working with your students over the next several weeks to prepare for administration of the SAT, and we will be communicating important details about test day as we approach April 9, 2019. If you have any further questions, please contact your child's school counselor at 301-284-4600.

Sincerely,

Mr. Cary D. Dimmick,
Principal



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SAT SCHOOL DAY CONSENT FORM

As part of the administration of the SAT, your child will have the opportunity to participate, with your consent, in the optional Student Data Questionnaire. Your child's responses to all questions on the Student Data Questionnaire, other than the required registration questions, are optional as explained in the inserted copy of the SAT Student Answer Sheet Instructions. The Questionnaire can help:

- Give counselors and college admission officers information to help your child plan for the future. The more information they have, the more assistance they can give to you.
- Provide information to the College Board that ensures the exam is a fair and accurate test for all students.
- Are used by the College Board for research and planning to improve our tests and services.
- Contribute—combined with responses of all other students taking the same exam—to an understanding of your graduating class. This lets colleges and universities deliver programs and opportunities to serve you and your classmates.

A primary benefit of completing the optional Student Data Questionnaire is to participate in Student Search Service, which is a program that connects your child to college and scholarship opportunities that reflect your child's interests. If you choose to permit your child to complete the optional Student Data Questionnaire, the data your child provides will be added to your child's College Board student record, even if you choose not to participate in Student Search Service.

Your child will receive a Registration Guide before the test administration, and you and your child can also access it online at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/sat-registration-booklet-students.pdf>. The guide includes the questions that appear on the Student Data Questionnaire and how your child's responses will be used.

MCPS has a data sharing agreement with College Board for the administration of SAT Day. The College Board has assured MCPS that it only shares data with eligible colleges, universities, and scholarship and educational opportunity programs that sign a license agreement with the College Board. The College Board consistently monitors these organizations' use of student information for compliance. Individual student scores are not shared through Student Search Service, and you may withdraw your participation in Student Search Service at any time. To be clear, completion of the Student Data Questionnaire and participation in Student Search Service are optional and voluntary for all students. Learn more in the College Board Privacy Policy, which covers the Student Data Questionnaire, at www.collegeboard.org/privacy-policy.

More information on SAT School Day can be found here:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/careercenter/testing/sat-school-day.aspx>

I provide consent for my child to complete the optional Student Data Questionnaire and participate in the College Board's Student Search Service, as part of the pre-administration process for SAT School Day in MCPS.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date