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Dear Parents or Guardians:

Last year, the College Board launched a new suite of assessments to include a redesigned SAT. The suite of assessments consisted of the PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10 (PSAT/MSQT), and the SAT. The redesigned SAT became available in March 2016. The redesign was done to better align the assessment with what students are learning in class and provide them with a better chance for success in higher education.

Prince George's County Public Schools has decided not to offer a districtwide SAT School Day for 11th grade students this year. We are currently revising our learning opportunities associated with the SAT to better serve our student body. We want teachers and students to have a chance to better familiarize themselves with the new SAT before taking it with the hope that they will improve their performance.

Students who have already taken the PSAT can access free personalized SAT study resources provided by Kahn Academy. Kahn Academy has partnered with the College Board to offer a study plan that is designed specifically for each student based on his/her PSAT scores. With student/parent permission, Kahn Academy will use students’ score results to create a study plan specifically designed for them. For additional information visit:

https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/about/benefits/khan-academy-practice

We have also attached a helpful resource related to the SAT and listed resources that are available to students who have taken the PSAT. Students can be connected to great resources that will aid them in planning for college and beyond. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Dr. Judith White, Director of Academic Programs, at Judith.white@pgcps.org or 301-808-5956.

Thank you for partnering with us in your child’s education!

Sincerely,

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Deputy Superintendent for Teaching and Learning

Attachment
SAT RESOURCES

Get to Know the Tests

Find out what kinds of questions will be asked and which skills and knowledge areas will be tested. Go to Test Design at https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/inside-the-test.

The following resources became available to students once they took the PSAT:

- **Big Future™:** a personalized online college and career planning tool that contains:
  - an online PSAT/NMSQT Score Report
  - a customized My SAT Study Plan™
  - a personality test
  - personalized lists of colleges, majors, and careers

- **Student Search Service®:** a program that lets students receive free information from colleges, universities, and scholarship programs

- **Score Report Plus:** comprehensive feedback on performance and skills