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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) will cover the cost of SAT or ACT for Grade 11 students. As part of a comprehensive strategy to ensure access and opportunity for all students, MCPS provides important college readiness examinations to all students. This includes the PSAT during the school day for all Grade 10 students each fall, and SAT School Day for all Grade 11 students each spring. 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, our school will be offering the following to Grade 11 students in 2018—2019:

- The SAT during the school day on April 9, 2019, free of charge to Grade 11 students with the original graduation year of 2020. Students opting to take the SAT during the school day will be automatically registered.
- The SAT w/Essay during the school day on April 9, 2019, for up to 80 students. The essay fee is \$14.00.
- For students opting to take the ACT instead of the SAT, vouchers will be available to students for the national administrations on Saturdays: February 9, April 13, or June 8, 2019.
- Your child's school counselor will be working individually with your student over the next several weeks to identify the appropriate test and support registration for one of the dates above.
- Please note that students taking the SAT during the school day must adhere to the same testing protocols that take place on national testing dates, including approval of individualized accommodations.

More information will be forthcoming as we approach the spring test administration. More information can also be found here:

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

If you have any further questions, please contact your child's school counselor at 301-388-9900 or Mrs. Anna Jones, SAT School Day Coordinator, via email at Anna_N_Jones@mcpsmd.org.

Sincerely,

Principal