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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

In spring 2018, the West Virginia Department of Education will administer the SAT School Day to all public high school juniors unless they meet the criteria for participation in the West Virginia Alternate Summative Assessment. The SAT School Day will be administered in a paper format during a regular school day. Students will NOT pay a fee to take this test.

The primary test date for this year's SAT School Day will be Tuesday, April 10, 2018, with a makeup date set for Tuesday, April 24, 2018. Students with accommodations may be tested during the accommodation test window between April 10, 2018, and April 23, 2018.

The SAT is a nationally recognized college- and career-readiness assessment administered by the College Board, the same company that oversees Advanced Placement testing, the PSAT and the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMQST). The SAT is accepted at colleges and universities throughout West Virginia and the nation for both college admissions and placement, and can be used to qualify for the Promise Scholarship.

Enclosed with this letter is important information from the College Board regarding the SAT School Day. Your child's school also will share additional information regarding testing as necessary.

Because the SAT School Day is now the state's high school accountability exam, all grade 11 students except those who take the West Virginia Alternate Summative Assessment are required to take this state-administered test on the dates provided above. This is a great opportunity for students to take a free college entrance exam and obtain vital information on their readiness for college and career.

I respectfully request that you encourage your child to perform to his/her best ability during the SAT School Day this spring. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the principal or counselor at your child's school or the district test coordinator at your district's central office.

Sincerely,

Steven L. Paine, Ed.D.
State Superintendent of Schools

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