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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

I am pleased to inform you that the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) has worked closely with the College Board to provide students who will be seniors in the 2020-2021 school year with an opportunity to take a free SAT. This administration of the exam will provide seniors, who would have taken the state-provided SAT School Day in spring 2020 as juniors, with an opportunity to obtain SAT scores to be submitted for college admissions and to qualify for the state's PROMISE Scholarship.

Seniors who choose to participate in the fall state-provided SAT administration will take the SAT with Essay, the same as they would have had to take in spring 2020. Students who have set up College Board online accounts will be able to access their scores in the online score report portal.

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. The SAT is accepted at colleges and universities throughout West Virginia and the nation for both college admissions and placement, and the test can be used to qualify for PROMISE Scholarship.

Although we encourage your student to take advantage of this opportunity to take a free SAT, it is optional; your student is not required to participate. Officials from your county and school will provide you and your student with specific details regarding the fall administration, including testing dates and other information your student needs to know. Only students who will be seniors in the 2020-21 school year are eligible to take the state-provided SAT this fall.

Students who are juniors during the 2020-2021 school year will be administered the state-provided SAT on a school day during the regular spring 2021 statewide test administration.

If you have any questions regarding the fall SAT administration for seniors or the regular spring SAT School Day administration for juniors, please contact the principal or counselor at your student's school, or the district test coordinator at your county's board of education office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. Clayton Burch".

W. Clayton Burch  
State Superintendent of Schools

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