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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

Due to the recent fires that have devastated our community and closed our schools, our students were unable to take the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT) on October 14, 2017. Our district has determined that we will not be able to meet the criteria for administering the PSAT on October 25th, the final date allowable by the College Board. **Although the College Board was unable to meet our request for another PSAT test date, National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) will allow our students to compete for scholarships through an alternative entry, by using their SAT scores.**

Students usually take the PSAT in both the 10th and 11th grades; however, only the junior year scores count toward the National Merit Scholarship Program.

The vice principals at each of our high schools will submit a list of all juniors who were signed up to take the October 14th PSAT to the NMSC. **Once this list is submitted, the students will become eligible to use their SAT scores to enter the scholarship competition. At that point, our schools will receive detailed information on how to submit SAT scores as the alternative entry.** We do already know that students may submit SAT scores from any SAT administered between October 2017 and June 2018. The remaining SAT test dates are listed below:

Test Date	Deadline	Late Registration*
November 4, 2017	October 5, 2017	October 25, 2017
December 2, 2017	November 2, 2017	November 21, 2017
March 10, 2018**	February 9, 2018	February 28, 2018
May 5, 2018	April 6, 2018	April 25, 2018
June 2, 2018	May 3, 2018	May 23, 2018

*Additional fees may apply

**Subject tests are not offered at this administration

For additional information regarding the SAT test dates: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat>

For additional information regarding the alternative entry for the National Merit Scholarship Program, call the National Merit Scholarship Corporation at (847) 866-5100 and ask for Scholarship Administration.

Our high school principals feel strongly that this decision is in the best interest of our juniors, allowing them time to heal and to be prepared to enter the National Merit Scholarship competition. Our sophomores will have an opportunity to take the PSAT next year when they are juniors. Additionally, the district will be administering the PreACT to all sophomores starting in Spring 2018.

Test fees collected at our high schools for the PSAT will be returned to the students once school has resumed and the site administration is prepared to distribute the money.

Please contact me with any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lori Fletcher", with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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