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Dear YCSD Parent/Guardian of Scholars in Grades 8 through 11,

We are very excited to inform you that our scholars will be using the SAT Suite of College Board Assessments on October 16, 2019. The assessments are designed to inform our scholars, their families and our staff on how prepared our students are for college and careers. Our goal is to have every scholar who attends Youngstown City Schools prepared to attend college for the opportunity to choose any career pathway they may desire. Enclosed you will find important information about the SAT Suite of Assessments and resources available for students and families to access as we begin the journey to ensure our students are ready for college.

Scholars in **Grades 8 and 9** will take the Preliminary SAT (PSAT) on **Wednesday, October 16, 2019**. Scholars in **Grades 10 and 11** will take the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT) on **Wednesday, October 16, 2019** at the beginning of the school day.

Please be sure your child attends school on their scheduled day to take the test in order to access the many resources College Board (<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat>) and Khan Academy (<https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>) will have available to them. Encourage your child to do their very best and get a good night's rest prior to their test day. There will **not** be an opportunity for your child to make up the test if they miss their scheduled test day.

Additional communication about your child's results will be mailed home in December or January. This is a very important first step for our students as we prepare them for college and careers.

Thank you for your continued support of Youngstown City Schools!

Sincerely,

*Timothy S. Filipovich*

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