



April 8, 2019

Good Afternoon Lancer Parents,

Tomorrow, (Tuesday, April 9) we begin our state testing administration with all students in grades 8-11 participating in PSAT/SAT testing. As you are aware, the SAT is a college entrance exam and the PSAT is the "precursor" to the SAT. Our teachers analyze the results from these assessments every fall and work to strengthen our curriculum, as well as our instructional and assessment practices in order to provide the best opportunity for "student success" on these assessments.

We will have every student in grades 8-11 taking these assessments tomorrow, and as a district we take several important steps in order to provide the best testing environment possible. In order to minimize distractions, all 6th/7th grade students will be participating in a field trip out of the building and all 12th grade students are excused from school for the day. Finally, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students will be taking PSAT and SAT assessments in small groups to provide maximum opportunity for success.

As parents, we ask that you encourage your students to get a good night of sleep and eat a healthy breakfast prior to taking these important state/college entrance assessments. Collectively, we want to ensure the best possible outcome for all of our students!

Thank you for supporting your children in their education!

Aaron Gaffney, Superintendent

Regards,

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