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**SUBJECT:**

- **ISA Make-Up Testing Scheduled**
- **Practice SAT Testing Information**

Dear Parent or Guardian:

On Wednesday, September 15, 2021, we administered the **Illinois Science Assessment (ISA)** for all students who were Grade 11 in the spring of 2021. ISA is an ISBE mandated assessment, in compliance with federal accountability requirements. ISA satisfies one of the mandates of ESSA for monitoring academic achievement in Science.

This assessment, while not required for graduation, aligns with the Illinois Learning Standards in science and helps families and schools understand how well students are performing academically and see whether they are on track to succeed in college.

This 3-part test is computer based and untimed. The student time-on-task is estimated at 120 minutes, per ISBE. Our testing schedule allowed approximately 135 minutes for testing (time-on-task) with extra time allotted at the start and finish of the test, as well as breaks between sections.

Of those expected to test, approximately 30 of 467 students rostered at Proviso East, 30 of 393 at Proviso West and 10 of 196 at PMSA were unable to do so. All students received a lunch and bus transportation was provided at Proviso East and West.

While there were a number of contributing factors, technology personnel were not among them. Some of the factors were:

- some devices had configurations that interfered with the installation of the required updated safe exam browser
- a few students came to school without their district issued laptop required for testing
- DRC for ACCESS has advised that they experienced intermittent page loading issues. In addition, some students received error messages when logging into the DRC Online platform.

**The makeup date for the ISA is Wednesday, September 29, 2021.**

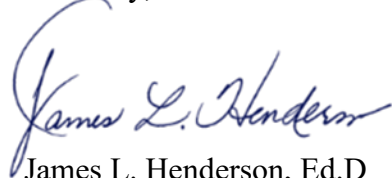
Thank you for your patience and understanding.

All students are required to complete the Illinois SAT before they graduate. In preparation for this, we administer practice tests for all students. Students in the classes below will take an SAT suite practice test 2 times this year and then the Illinois SAT Suite test in April 2022.

SAT Suite Practice Testing 2021-2022	
Students Who Will Test	When
Class of 2022—Seniors not tested in Grade 11 Class of 2023—All Grade 11, 3 <sup>rd</sup> year Class of 2024—All Grade 10, 2 <sup>nd</sup> year Class of 2025—All Grade 9, 1 <sup>st</sup> year	<b><u>Wednesday, September 22, 2021</u></b> Wednesday, January 19, 2022 Tuesday, April 13, 2022 (SAT) and Wednesday, April 14, 2022 (PSAT)* <i>*required official state SAT for Grade 9, 10 and 11 students</i>

September 22, 2021 Test Day Instructions	
<b>Students Who Will Test</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students report to their assigned testing room by 8:55am.</li> <li>• Students will be dismissed at approximately 1:20pm.</li> <li>• Students who are absent on September 22 will take a makeup test on September 23, 24 or 27.</li> <li>• Encourage students to get a good night’s sleep and eat a healthy breakfast. School breakfast and lunch will be served as usual.</li> <li>• More information regarding the SAT can be found at <a href="https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat">https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat</a>. You may also contact your student’s counselor or school if you have questions.</li> </ul>
<b>Students <u>Not</u> Testing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seniors will engage in self-directed college visits or community service required for graduation. They will not attend regular classes.</li> <li>• Seniors will receive guidance from their school counselor with suggestions for college visits and community service as well as a form to report their activity.</li> </ul>

Sincerely,



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Superintendent of Schools

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