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Dear Parent/Guardian and Student,

On behalf of Hillsborough County Public Schools, I would like to announce that the Preliminary SAT (PSAT) 8/9 will be administered free of charge to 8th grade students on **Wednesday, October 13, 2021**.

The PSAT 8/9 is the first test in the SAT Suite of Assessments. Tightly aligned with PSAT/NMSQT and SAT, it establishes a baseline for college and career readiness. The PSAT 8/9 supports all students with early feedback on the skills and knowledge that matter most for college and career success. Additionally, the PSAT 8/9 gives each student personalized feedback about their academic strengths and weaknesses, helping each student to prepare for success in high school, college, and careers.

Educators will have an early opportunity to:

- Measure and follow student performance.
- Ensure students are on target to achieve college and career readiness.
- Pinpoint areas for development.
- Identify students who have the potential to be successful in Advanced Placement courses.

Every student who takes the PSAT 8/9 is given access to multiple online resources that provide FREE personalized SAT preparation, as well as college and career planning tools.

These resources include:

- A PSAT 8/9 score report, available through the student's College Board account, including the exact PSAT 8/9 questions and answer explanations.
- A personalized study plan when the student links his/her College Board account to Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy. (<http://satpractice.org>)

For more information on the PSAT 8/9 visit: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9>

Parents, we appreciate your support of this assessment as your student continues their journey through middle school, high school and beyond.

Students, we hope you will put forth your best effort on test day, to allow us to support your unique needs on your journey toward college and career success.

Respectfully,