Dear Student Name and Parent/Guardian:

High schools throughout Florida will be offering college and career readiness assessments and Florida Virtual School Full Time wants to ensure that our students have the opportunity to participate. **These assessments are optional and the coordination of this testing is the family's responsibility.** 

Your resident district will be offering the preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). The PSAT/MNSQT is an effective way for your student to start preparing for the SAT. In addition to providing a meaningful practice experience, these assessments give students personalized feedback on their academic strengths and weaknesses. Recent legislation now allows students to use a concordant score on the PSAT Math subsection in place of a passing score on the Algebra I EOC and PSAT scores may also be used to qualify for other educational opportunities.

## The Florida Department of Education pays for grade 10 students to take the PSAT/NMSQT. Students enrolled in other grade levels may participate in the PSAT/NMSQT; however, testing fees must be covered by the student.

Students and families interested in participating should:

- 1. Contact their locally zoned high school by **Wednesday August 29<sup>th</sup>** to make arrangements to test. You will want to ask for the testing coordinator or the PSAT coordinator.
- 2. When communicating with schools please make sure you determine what day the test will be given, where the student should report to, what time the student should arrive, and any identification necessary to test. Students should be able to provide their student identification number or their social security number if required by the school.
- 3. Use the included testing information sheet (attached) for the day of testing or as verification for the testing coordinator. Families may be required to complete test site related paperwork.
- 4. On test day, ensure the FLVS Full Time school code is properly gridded on the student answer sheet. The FLVS school code is **102414**.

For more information on these assessments please visit: PSAT/NMSQT: <u>https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10</u>

PSAT/NMSQT is scheduled to be administered on Wednesday October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 or Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018, with an alternate test day on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Your zoned school will let you know which date you will test when you go and register.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding any part of this process please send an email to: FLVSFT612Testing@flvs.net or call 844.522.1965 ext. 5350

Together we will prepare your student to be college and career ready.

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