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Dear Parents and Guardians,

On October 7, 2015, the Connecticut State Board of Education adopted the SAT (created by the College Board) as the annual state assessment for eleventh graders in Connecticut. All students in Connecticut must be tested once in high school for English language arts/ literacy and mathematics using the same assessment for all students. This is a requirement of federal and state law. By adopting the SAT, we are eliminating duplicate testing and eleventh grade students in Connecticut will have an opportunity to take the SAT free of charge during the school day.

The SAT assesses the critical thinking skills students need for academic success. Supports are available for students with special needs, as determined by an individualized education program (IEP) or an Americans with Disabilities Act-Section 504 plan. There will also be accommodations for English Learner (EL) students. Many students will be able to use their SAT scores for both the state school accountability system, as well as college admission (if agreed upon by the student/family and the College Board).

SAT Facts for 2016

SAT Components:	Reading; Writing and Language; and Mathematics
Connecticut SAT Testing Day:	Wednesday, March 2, 2016, in all Connecticut high schools
Total Testing Time:	3 hours – administration time determined by each high school

Attached is an informational brochure on the SAT produced by the Connecticut State Department of Education. School personnel are being trained in all aspects of administration of the SAT, including supports for students with special needs and English learners.

There are many free College Board resources to help students get to know the exam. Resources will provide targeted review and authentic practice with SAT approved questions. Please visit the following Web site <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/> to view resources such as sample questions, printable full practice tests, and other practice materials at Khan Academy. For more information about assessments, you may also visit our Web site at [INSERT DISTRICT ASSESSMENT WEBPAGE].

As educators, we are committed to working together to support all students and families with resources and information on the SAT, in the hopes that each student will achieve his or her personal best.

Sincerely,

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