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To encourage and support a college-going culture, Vancouver Public Schools will offer junior (11th grade) high school students the opportunity to take the SAT exam, **free of charge**, as part of SAT School Day **March 6, 2019**. This is the fourth year VPS will participate in SAT School Day, which enables students to take the nation's most widely-used college entrance exam during the school day.

Throughout February and March, approximately 2,000 students will register for the SAT at their school. The district's four comprehensive high schools, iTech Preparatory, Vancouver School of Arts & Academics, Vancouver Flex Academy and Leiser Campus will administer the 4 ½-hour SAT exam that will test students' knowledge in mathematics, reading and writing.

This ensures that promising students who might otherwise face barriers to standard Saturday testing—such as part-time jobs or family responsibilities—do not miss out on a chance at the college-going process.

By providing students with the opportunity to take the exam free of charge, the district has also removed any financial challenges that might further reduce students' chances of participating.

Columbia River would like to encourage all our 11th grade students to participate in the SAT School Day exam. Students will be automatically registered for the SAT. Students who participate in the SAT School Day exam will be excused from classes during testing time.

If an 11th grade student chooses not to participate in the SAT School Day exam, they need to complete the Opt-Out request below and return to the main office by **no later than Friday, March 1, 2019**.

I am requesting that my student _____ does not participate in the SAT School Day exam to be held on Wednesday, March 6, 2019. I understand the SAT School Day exam is being offered at no cost.

Parent/Guardian name (please print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____