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MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents, Charter School Administrators, District Test Coordinators (DTCs)

FROM: Gwen Perea Warniment, PhD, Deputy Secretary of Teaching, Learning, and Assessment

RE: **Preparing for the Spring 2020 SAT School Day**

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We are excited to announce that, upon conclusion of the procurement process, the SAT, published by the College Board, has been chosen as New Mexico's 11th grade assessment. Starting in Spring 2020, New Mexico will administer a state-funded, digital *SAT School Day* as part of the accountability system. It is a means for all public school juniors to access a college and career readiness entrance exam at no cost and without barriers. The *SAT School Day* measures math, reading, and writing; aligns to academic standards; and reflects skills and knowledge already taught in the classroom.

All 11th grade students in New Mexico will participate in the SAT during the school day in April 2020. Test dates for the SAT School Day administration follow.

Test Administration	Date	Mode
Primary Testing Window*	April 14–16, 2020	Digital
Accommodated Testing Window	April 14–27, 2020	Digital
Makeup Test Date	April 28, 2020	Digital

*Due to the late announcement of this window established by the College Board, the PED and College Board will work with districts that may need a different administration window. Paper testing will be arranged for sites unable to test digitally.

Advantages for Students

The *SAT School Day* helps students grow on their path to college and careers.

- All students are given access to free, interactive personalized practice through [Khan Academy](#) and resources from the [College Board](#) to help reinforce what students are learning in classrooms and to focus on the content tested, not just test-taking strategies.
- Students will be able to request that as many as four score reports are mailed to higher education institutions and scholarship organizations free of charge.
- Students and families will receive an interactive online score report.
- The *SAT School Day* is accepted at all state universities.

Resources for Educators

The *SAT School Day* provides educators with an accountability assessment in a specific timeframe in a school setting so that all students can participate.

- The PED and College Board will provide hands-on training and support to educators.
- Educators will have access to a wide range of free support material.
- Educators can [look inside the SAT](#) to become familiar with what kinds of questions students will see and what the test measures.
- Educators will have access to an interactive, online, score-reporting portal that allows them to interpret results.

Webinars for District and School Administrators:

The PED and College Board will host three repeat “Getting to Know College Board” webinars. These webinars provide high-level information regarding the *SAT School Day* implementation and an opportunity to address questions.

- Tuesday, October 29th at 4:00 p.m., register [here](#).
- Friday, November 1st at 7:00 a.m., register [here](#).
- Monday, November 4th at 4:00 p.m., register [here](#).

Regional Trainings for District Test Coordinators

To ensure a smooth administration of the *SAT School Day*, the PED and College Board will convene regional trainings in the following locations:

- Hobbs
- Gallup
- Farmington
- Las Vegas
- Albuquerque
- Ruidoso
- Las Cruces

DTCs are encouraged to invite school test coordinators to the trainings. Dates and registration will be provided through the Assessment Bureau newsletter.

Continued Implementation Support

Through this fall and winter, the PED and College Board will provide additional virtual and onsite trainings to support assignment of student supports and accommodations for testing, technology requirements, general implementation, and test administration.

Additional trainings, workshops, webinars, and other professional development opportunities are being planned to foster statewide awareness of the *SAT School Day*.

cc: Ryan Stewart, EdLD, Secretary-Designate
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