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Dear Senior Parents/Guardians,

The New Hampshire Department of Education has determined that the College Board's SAT will be used as the statewide assessment test for students in Grade 11. Since our students were unable to take the exam last spring, the New Hampshire SAT test day for all students in Grade 12 is **Wednesday, September 23, 2020** and it will be given at school during regular school hours. All Pelham High School seniors will take the Evidence Based Reading and Writing Test, Math Test and the Essay portion, as well. Total testing time will be approximately four and a half hours.

The SAT plays a role in implementing our curriculum standards and preparing students for college and career success. Assessment results will provide information for teachers and parents about student achievement. In addition, the SAT is accepted at nearly all four-year colleges and universities in the United States, and students can send SAT scores to schools of their choice ensuring that they have a complete set of information for decisions on admission, scholarship awards, and course placement.

Please mark your calendar and avoid scheduling any appointments on **Wednesday, September 23** so that your child will be in attendance for the entire assessment session. Ensuring that your child arrives on time will also contribute to a positive, organized start to the day. Students should bring number 2 pencils (not mechanical), a calculator, and may have a bottle of water during the test. Students will have the option for a grab and go lunch after the exam is complete.

Additionally, students may select up to *four colleges* to send the SAT scores to for free and complete an optional questionnaire provided by the College Board prior to taking the test. The questionnaire asks students about themselves, their interests and coursework. Once students receive their scores, there will be a fee to send scores to colleges. More information is online: [Collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org)

If you choose to exempt your student from taking the school day SAT (permitted in RSA 193-C:6), you must submit a request to do so. Parents interested in exempting their student should complete the exemption form on the district website and submit it to Sarah Marandos by Tuesday, September 22, 2020 ([smarandos@pelhamsd.org](mailto:smarandos@pelhamsd.org)). Please understand that if you choose to exempt your child from the assessment, no scores or summary of individual student performance, based on the statewide assessment, will be provided to you.

Remote learning students will be included in the planning for the school day SAT and should be expecting to arrive at Pelham High School by 7:45 am on Wednesday September 23rd, unless parents have chosen to exempt them from the assessment.

Although the SAT is only one measure of your child's achievement, we want each of our students to perform to the best of his or her ability. As always, we thank you for your help and support in making this a positive experience for your child.

Sincerely,

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