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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 30, 2020

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
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FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent *V. Keesler*
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports

SUBJECT: Date Changes to College Board Fall Assessments

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) would like to call attention to additional changes made by the College Board to the fall high school testing dates for the SAT and PSAT. The health and safety of educators and students are the first concern; therefore, the College Board has announced options for fall 2020 testing to help schools to address the challenges of returning to school. These changes are to the national assessment dates and may have an effect on Michigan schools, and were made by the College Board based on the College Board’s assessment of national needs. More information from the College Board is available [here](#) and the impact on Michigan schools is summarized below.

The updated test dates include:

2019-20 Grade	2020-21 Grade	Assessment	Test Dates/Window
8 th Grade	9 th Grade	PSAT 8/9	Choose any date between September 21-October 29
9 th Grade	10 th Grade	PSAT/NMSQT	October 14 and/or October 29
10 th Grade	11 th Grade	PSAT/NMSQT	October 14 and/or October 29
11 th Grade	12 th Grade	SAT with Essay	September 23 and/or October 14 and/or October 27

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In addition to the test dates, the College Board has permitted other flexibilities for administration of these assessments. These flexibilities include:

- dividing students up and administering the SAT with Essay and the PSAT/NMSQT on multiple dates;
- staggering start times for assessments;
- allowing personal protection equipment (PPE) during testing;
- spacing of students should follow local guidelines; and
- allowing off-site testing without prior approval from the College Board.

The College Board and MDE have prepared informational resources to assist you in planning for fall 2020 testing. The resources are posted to the [MME web page](#) and the [PSAT webpage](#). These documents are living documents and have been updated with these new fall options. In addition, please review the [MDE's Spotlight on Student Assessment and Accountability](#); and check your email for updates from the College Board. Questions can be emailed to mde-oeaa@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors