



STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
LANSING


GRETCHEN WHITMER
GOVERNOR

MICHAEL F. RICE, Ph.D.
STATE SUPERINTENDENT

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 25, 2020

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent 
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports

SUBJECT: PSAT and SAT Fall 2020 Update – MEMO #COVID-19-113

Governor Gretchen Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-65, issued April 30, 2020, requires districts to administer the PSAT and the SAT in the fall of 2020. The order specified that these assessments should be taken in the fall by high school students who were not able to take them in the spring of 2020 due to the cancellation of state assessments because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since the issuance of E.O. 2020-65, the Michigan Department of Education has worked closely with the governor's office and the legislature to create language that is intended to clarify this requirement. This language appears in [Section 104g, MCL 388.1704g](#) of the State School Aid Act, passed by the legislature on September 23, 2020.

The law requires districts to make the PSAT and SAT tests available to eligible students this fall and to encourage, but not require, students to take the assessments.

Any questions can be directed to the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability at mde-oeaa@michigan.gov.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this change.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

CASANDRA E. ULBRICH – PRESIDENT • PAMELA PUGH – VICE PRESIDENT
MICHELLE FECTEAU – SECRETARY • TOM MCMILLIN – TREASURER
TIFFANY D. TILLEY – NASBE DELEGATE • JUDITH PRITCHETT
LUPE RAMOS-MONTIGNY • NIKKI SNYDER

608 WEST ALLEGAN STREET • P.O. BOX 30008 • LANSING, MICHIGAN 48909
www.michigan.gov/mde • 833-633-5788