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Dear Parents and Families,

As Chicago Public Schools (CPS) and Mayor Lightfoot's Office continue working toward fair contract agreements with our teachers and school support staff, the district is making contingency plans so students are not negatively impacted in the event of a work stoppage. **To ensure students have optimum conditions for the Fall 2019 PSAT and SAT assessment, the district has decided to change the administration date in district-managed schools to Wednesday, October 30, 2019.** These assessments were originally scheduled for October 16th—the day before a potential work stoppage would occur. **October 16th will be a regular attendance day for all students and schools will operate on their normal bell schedule.**

This change affects the following students:

- 9th graders testing for the PSAT 8/9
- 10th and 11th graders testing for the PSAT/NMSQT
- 12th graders testing for the SAT

With the new test date, all students will still receive valid test scores, and 11th grade students will still be able to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship and other scholarship programs. Students will be able to access PSAT scores on December 9th and SAT scores on November 20th.

We made this decision with our students' best interest in mind, and we thank you for your support and patience with this change. Please contact your school directly with any questions.

Sincerely,

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