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Dear Parent or Guardian:

SUBJECT: October 2019 PSAT/NMSQT® – For LTHS Sophomores and Juniors

On **Saturday, October 19, 2019**, at 8:30 a.m., Lockport Township High School will offer the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) to any interested sophomore or junior student in the 2019-2020 school year. The **PSAT** is a multiple-choice assessment of verbal, mathematic, and writing skills that gives students an opportunity to experience taking a college readiness test. In addition, the test identifies students who might benefit from advanced coursework.

By taking this optional **PSAT/NMSQT®**, your child will have access to resources that will help prepare him/her for the future. These resources include

- **Feedback from *AP Potential***, which gives the student the opportunity to see what Advanced Placement/Honors classes in which your student has potential to succeed.
- **A list of personalized careers and potential college majors** based on the preferences indicated on the **PSAT/NMSQT®**.
- **An online score report**, including projected **SAT®** score ranges, state percentiles, and the ability to sort answer explanations by difficulty and question type.
- **A customized **SAT®** study plan** including a review of results, **SAT®** practice questions, and personalized skill improvement ideas through **KHANACADEMY**.

The **PSAT/NMSQT** also serves as the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (**NMSQT**). Top performing juniors nationally may be eligible for money through National Merit, National Achievement, or National Hispanic Scholarship funds. Finally, taking the **PSAT/NMSQT** as a precursor to the **SAT®**, which is the official Illinois state test that will be given to junior students in April 2020, will help to prepare your student for taking the **SAT**.

PSAT registration is available from August 23 through September 17 at a fee of \$25. After September 17, an additional late fee of \$10 will be charged. Students can register for the **PSAT/NMSQT** by using the Total Registration online registration page at <https://user.totalregistration.net/PSAT/142655>, which can be accessed via the school's website. Students will have the option of paying the \$25 test fee online during registration. Copies of the official Student Guide to the **PSAT/NMSQT®** will be available in September. Any student wishing to take the test that has a conflicting **LTHS sponsored event/competition** will be eligible to take the test on Wednesday October 16.

If you have any questions regarding the **PSAT**, please call your student's counselor or David Pammer at 815-588-8350.

Sincerely,

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