June 3, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians of future Benjamin Holt 10th graders,

In October Ben Holt will be offering our 10th grade students the opportunity to participate in the College Board’s Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying test (PSAT/NMSQT) which measures critical reading, math problem-solving and writing skills. The most common reasons for taking the PSAT/NMSQT are:

1. To help prepare for the SAT. You can become familiar with the kinds of questions and the exact directions you will see on the SAT.
2. The feedback students receive helps identify skill gaps and provides suggestions for closing those gaps while there is still time for significant improvement.
3. To see how your performance on an admissions test might compare with that of others applying to college.
4. To enter the competition for scholarships from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (grade 11).
5. To receive information from colleges when you check “yes” to Student Search Service.

This is a voluntary test that will be administered at school on **October 16, 2019**. Please note that College Board determines the date on which participating schools must offer the PSAT. The fee for this test is $17. This is the fee that College Board charges for schools to administer the test. BHCPA does not add any administrative fees in an effort to keep the cost as low as possible for our students.

If you have any questions about this program please refer to the College Board web site at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) or email Ms. Lazo (11th Grade) at sandra.lazo@aspirepublicschools.org or Ms. Jobe (10th grade) at nicole.jobe@aspirepublicschools.org.

If you are interested in signing your student up to take the PSAT, please check one of the boxes below and return to the front office no later than Friday, June 7th, 2019.

Please return this portion with payment.

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**PSAT/NMSQT Testing: October 16, 2019**

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\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I want my student \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the PSAT/NMSQT test to be offered by BHCPA on 10/16/19 but the fee poses a financial hardship to me. I will contact Mr. Frakes to discuss the matter.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: ­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_