September 14, 2020

Dear Parent and/or Guardians of Juniors,

We are pleased to inform you of an exciting opportunity taking place for all of our 11th grade students. On Thursday, October 29, 2020 starting at 7:15 am, Riverhead High School will continue its tradition of offering juniors the option of taking the PSAT/NMSQT free of charge. Testing will occur during periods 1 thru 4 and regular classes will resume periods 5 thru 8.

All 11th grade students from all cohorts who are testing will be permitted in the building on this day at this time.

The PSAT exam includes multiple-choice questions in reading, writing & language and math. The PSAT/NMSQT program provides valuable resources that help students prepare for the SAT and take important first steps toward college. It allows eligible eleventh grade students to enter scholarship and recognition programs, as well as provide feedback on academic skills they can work on to improve upon prior to taking the actual SAT exam.

- In order to participate, 11th grade students must register in advance for this exam by returning the (shown) detached part of this letter (below) or by completing the google document located on the high school webpage.

Participating in these exams will reveal your child’s current knowledge and skills in each area, and will provide targeted areas for improvement. It will also help students to identify current academic readiness for college and explore how career aspirations align with the students’ interests. The results of these exams are not intended to be used by colleges as a criterion for admissions, and therefore will not be released to anyone without your written permission. However, student participation during his/her junior year of high school will automatically enroll them for consideration in the highly prestigious NMSQT National Merit Scholarship Program.

Students wishing to receive testing accommodations for this exam may only receive them if they have been approved for SSD accommodations through College Board on/or before the date of this exam.

Students who are enrolled in AM BOCES programs will be excused from BOCES on October 29th if they choose to participate in this initiative. Students taking the exam will take their regular bus to school at the normal time. If you have child that is not testing and it is their cohorts in-building instruction day, they will have a delayed start for the school day. Later busing will be provided to the building and back home after the exam concludes for those students who’s cohort is not receiving in-building instruction. Regular BOCES programs will run as usual for all enrolled students who are not testing.

Please return this tear off permission slip portion to the Riverhead Guidance Office no later than Thursday, October 15, 2020 or simply scan the QR code with your phone or camera in order to access the on-line sign up form.

I request that my child (11th grade) participate in the PSAT/NMSQT exam given by Riverhead High School, free of charge on Thursday, October 29, 2020.

Student Name: ____________________________   Student ID # ______________

Parent/Guardian: _________________________   Signature: ___________________