## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Below is an executive summary for the second continuation of the Agreement between The School Board of Broward County, Florida and College Entrance Examination Board (College Board), which supports the academic and personal enrichment of students in Broward County Public Schools.

Agenda Item	College Board (PSAT School Day for select 8 <sup>th</sup> grade students, PSAT School Day for Freshman, SAT School Day for Juniors and SAT School Day for select Seniors)
Status	Approve the second continuation Agreement between The School Board of Broward County, Florida and College Entrance Examination Board (College Board). The term of this agreement shall be for a period of one (1) year from the date it is fully executed by both parties.
Funding Source	There is a financial impact of approximately \$640,959 to the District for PSAT and SAT School Day. SAT School Day for Seniors will be based on a transactional model whereby students who are FRL qualified will cost \$8 per exam and standard students will cost \$46 per exam. The estimated additional cost for Seniors is \$62,400.
Service Locations	Based on the request of high school principals and the recommendation of the High School Cadre Directors and the Office of Secondary Learning all high school students at grade 9 will be provided the PSAT School Day for Freshman, all students at grade 11 will be provided the SAT School Day for Juniors and grade 12 students whom have not yet reached a level 3 on the Grade 10 FSA ELA and are attempting to meet the graduation requirement via a SAT score of 430 will be provided the SAT School Day for Seniors at each Broward County Public High School.
	This Agreement will implement a PSAT School Day for select 8 <sup>th</sup> grade students in select Broward County Public Middle Schools (Apollo Middle, Deerfield Beach Middle, Forest Glen Middle, Glades Middle, Indian Ridge Middle, Lyons Creek Middle, New River Middle, Sawgrass Springs Middle, Silver Trail Middle, William Dandy Middle. These middle schools actively volunteered to participate in this pilot program.
Managing	Office of Academics
Department	Department of Student Assessment and Research
Source(s) of Additional Information	Daniel Gohl 754-321-2618  Valerie Wanza 754-321-3838  Richard Baum 754-321-2500
Project Description	In an effort to provide equal and full access to the college admissions process and to establish a college going-culture and encourage more high school students to take the test and apply to college, Broward County Public Schools proposes to implement a PSAT for 5,000 8 <sup>th</sup> grade students, 18,284



Freshmen (9<sup>th</sup> grade) on Wednesday, October 11, 2017, SAT School Day for 18,565 Juniors (11<sup>th</sup> grade) and Seniors (12<sup>th</sup> grade) at-risk on Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018. As part of this agreement, College Board will provide a full time Curriculum Coordinator to assist the District in creating and providing strategic support to high schools to prepare students for the test, applying for potential scholarships and increase access to advanced placement and AP capstone programs.

The SAT School Day program has been reported by high school instructional leadership as successful in terms of providing equity to students in college application and subsequent instructional changes resulting in increasing performance on the SAT. This initiative has provided access to college entrance exams for all 11<sup>th</sup> grade students in Broward County Public High schools. It has virtually eliminated the participation gap between minority and non-minority students, Free and Reduced Priced Lunch and non-Free and Reduced Priced Lunch students, English Language Learners and non-English Language Learners. Overall, participation increased from 50% in 2015 (prior to SAT School Day) to 87% in 2016 and 2017. Additionally, performance on the SAT has increased substantially from 2016 to 2017. Average performance on the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing score increased from 492 in 2016 to 503 in 2017 and the math score increased from 477 in 2016 to 481 in 2017. Over 2,600 students who had not previously met graduation requirements for Reading achieved a concordance score on SAT School Day 2017.

In conjunction with the State of Florida's initiative that provides access to the College Board PSAT for all students in grade 10 this BCPS initiative will provide a comprehensive and standardized longitudinal support program for individual student's college readiness, an external set of data points to review the alignment of BCPS curriculum with national expectations, and provide insight on how to support the elimination of achievement gaps among demographic subgroups. Additionally, the State of Florida passed legislation during the 2017 session which requires the FL DOE to study the use of the PSAT, SAT and other external college readiness examinations for use as potential alternatives to the current FSA for graduation eligibility.

**Impact Statement** 

College Board has assigned a Curriculum Coordinator to work with the district and schools when student scores are released to determine an appropriate plan of action to further increase student college readiness and scholarship opportunities. Broward's office of Student Assessment & Research as well as the Office of School Performance and Accountability will work with the Office of Academics to review and plan around student data results. Additionally, office of Student Assessment & Research will produce an annual report of participation and performance for the SAT School Day program.



