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From: Arkansas Department of Education Curriculum and Instruction Unit

Dear Arkansas Curriculum Leaders:

ADE will be holding a webinar on Thursday, April 28, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. to discuss the PSAT.

In 2015, ACT 989 of the 90th General Assembly expanded the Arkansas College and Career Readiness Planning Program to allow public schools to use the ACT Aspire assessment as an alternative to Plan or PSAT at grade 10.

Currently, each district in Arkansas is required to administer ACT Aspire at grade 10. The ADE has requested approval from the State Board to continue providing districts the option to also administer PSAT/NMSQT at grade 10 using at-risk funding as allowed by Act 989.

PSAT/NMSQT provides information through AP Potential(tm) that helps schools identify students who show potential to be successful in AP coursework including student populations who may be underrepresented. It also provides access to college planning resources and, because of the fall administration, allows opportunity for students and counselors to engage in course selection discussions.

The ADE has scheduled an informational webinar to discuss the benefits of administering the PSAT/NMSQT. The webinar is scheduled for April 28, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. School personnel are encouraged to attend the webinar as a team. No registration is required. You may access the webinar at: <https://ardoe.adobeconnect.com/a797789496/assessment/>

Please share this information with others that might be interested. Thank you for serving the students of Arkansas.

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