

September 16, 2013

Dear Parent/Guardian:

On October 16, 2013, the ReadiStep assessment will be administered to <u>all</u> freshmen students. **It is extremely important that all of our 9th grade students be in school on this testing day. The school will cover the cost of your child to take this test.** In the event your child is absent, <u>there will be no make-up test offered.</u>

There are many benefits for students who take the ReadiStep assessment. ReadiStep is the first step on the College Board's *College Readiness Pathway* – which includes the PSAT and SAT. Like the PSAT and SAT, the test results will provide information on a student's strengths and weaknesses, and personalized feedback on test performance including strategies for improvement. The 2013 ReadiStep consists of sections which measure Critical Reading, Mathematics and Writing Skills.

The importance of the ReadiStep cannot be emphasized enough. While we do not feel that students should become overly anxious about this testing, we do believe they should be made aware of the impact of the test on their academic and career goals. **Your cooperation in this matter, especially ensuring your child is present on campus by 7:45AM, is appreciated.** If a student is not present on October 16, 2013, or is late to testing, he/she will miss the opportunity to take the ReadiStep.

Students should bring two no.2 pencils and an approved calculator (generally four-function, graphing or scientific calculator).

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 572-3228 or via email at jebaum@ksbe.edu.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jennifer Baum High School Counselor PSAT Coordinator