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Dear Parents/Guardians of LPHS Juniors,

As you may be aware, the Illinois State Board of Education has adopted the ACT as the official state accountability test to meet graduation requirements. All juniors must take the ACT per those graduation requirements. The actual ACT with Writing test will be administered at LaSalle-Peru Township High School on Tuesday, April 1, for all juniors. More information regarding that test administration will be provided in the coming weeks.

The primary purpose of my letter is to inform you of a practice ACT that we will be administering to the junior class next Wednesday, March 5, during the school day. We believe this practice test will give our students a better understanding of how the test is structured and will ultimately lead to more comfortability when they sit for the actual ACT. The primary difference between the ACT and SAT is that the ACT includes the science component where SAT only has English and Math components.

Additionally, this practice test will give our teachers a quick snapshot of our students' skills and how they as teachers may support students in preparing for the ACT. Score data will only be used internally and will not be used for anything other than identifying skill strengths and gaps to support students as they prepare for the ACT. We have partnered with Academic Approach to administer this practice ACT and more information will be provided in the coming days as to how students will access the test and their score reports.

Your student(s) will receive information from me as to their testing location. We will be primarily testing in the two gyms with some students testing in smaller groups if they have specific accommodations. Testing is scheduled to begin at 7:45 AM and should conclude for most students by 11:30 AM. Students will be marked as "School-Sponsored" for their absence so it will not count against them for purposes of the Final Exam Waiver. Please ensure your student has their charged chromebook for testing on Wednesday, March 5.

We are so happy to be able to provide this opportunity to our students to help them get ready for the ACT! Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out using my contact information shown below.

Sincerely,

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