

Dear Colleagues,

We hope this finds you and yours well. Let me begin by saying how much everyone at the College Board appreciates the support the higher education community is showing students and their families, even as you deal with the stresses on you and your own families. We wish you the best during this immensely challenging time.

In the face of the significant disruptions caused by the coronavirus, the College Board has been seeking and listening to your input on how we might best support you and students now and in the coming months.

You have been clear: The College Board needs to act to reassure higher education, students, and high schools that we're committed to providing support, flexibility, and solutions during this crisis.

Because students overwhelmingly told us they want to take their AP Exams, we're providing [online learning and AP Exams](#) available at home for all students this spring. We're grateful to the community of extraordinary teachers who stepped up to teach [live classes on YouTube](#), as well as all the K-12 and higher ed AP educators helping students continue with their study. We're working to ensure low-income students in AP have the devices, connectivity, and supports they need to participate remotely from home.

Building on that work, we make the following commitments to our members today:

### **For the SAT Suite of Assessments**

- Currently, the next SAT is scheduled for the first weekend of June. We'll make a decision about whether we can safely hold that administration as soon as it is feasible, given the evolving public health situation.
- We'll add U.S. and international test administrations in response to canceled administrations. We'll be flexible in making the SAT available in school and out of school as soon as the public health situation allows. We're looking at a range of creative solutions to address increased demand and are in direct conversations with states and districts about School Day administrations. Throughout, we'll continue to place a special focus on students with fee waivers and those with accommodations.
- Students can stay sharp and get personalized practice support online for free with Khan Academy.
- If, unfortunately, schools cannot reopen this fall, we're pursuing innovative means to ensure all students can still take the SAT this fall. We'll provide updates about those plans if they become necessary.

### **Admissions and Recruitment Support**

- We know that the SAT cancellations this spring have the potential to disrupt outreach efforts using Search. We've prepared several ways to help you engage with juniors and seniors, including those students who weren't able to test but chose to participate in Search.
- Starting in April, we'll introduce a regular webinar series for enrollment and admissions professionals to share and discuss strategies for building your class amid these new circumstances, starting with context, insights, and strategies for the high school class of 2020. We're always available to provide personalized assistance to institutions. We know you're busy, so please [click here](#) and we'll follow up with you right away.

### **Financial Aid Support**

- Our financial aid services remain operational and ready to serve institutions and students. Our teams are preparing two types of supports specific to coronavirus challenges: updated professional judgment tip sheets posted on our [website](#) and PowerFAIDS operational advice for PowerFAIDS users.
- The College Board will continue to engage financial aid professionals to gather input on how we can be most helpful during this challenging time.

We're heartened by those institutions that have already made clear, calming statements that emphasize flexibility in admissions at this time—encouraging students to submit as much information as they can, and reassuring applicants that they will not be disadvantaged should they have to submit Pass/Fail grades for the spring, have incomplete extracurricular profiles, or miss a testing deadline.

You can expect further updates from the College Board's higher education and enrollment team. We'll continue to seek your input and look for ways to help you communicate with and support students. What is certain in these uncertain times is that proactive, collective, and actionable responses from higher education will better serve students and families.

We're grateful for your partnership in supporting students through this unprecedented situation.

Sincerely,

David Coleman

CEO, The College Board