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Dear Parent/Guardian,

This letter serves as notification that some students will be taking the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (P.E.R.T.) this year. This untimed computer-adaptive test, specifically developed for Florida, is based on the Postsecondary Readiness Competencies. Its purpose is to measure your child's college and career readiness in reading, writing and/or mathematics. The U.S. Department of Labor estimates that 90 percent of 21st-century skilled workforce jobs will require some form of postsecondary education. If America is to remain competitive in tomorrow's global workforce, our students must be able to successfully complete their first year of college without the need for remedial or developmental education. That is why it is up to us as concerned educators, parents and citizens to ensure every child within our state graduates from high school career- and college-ready with high-level skills, equally prepared to meet the challenges of a college curriculum and the demands of an increasingly knowledge-based workforce.

Please stress to your child how important it is to take these tests seriously and to do his or her very best. Test results will have a direct impact on the math and language arts courses in which a student will be placed. If State Board cut scores are not met, students will be enrolled in readiness or success courses, with no exemptions allowed, including students who plan to enter the military or a job after graduation from high school.

Your student has unlimited opportunities to take free online sample tests for math, reading and writing at any time at <https://college.measuredsuccess.com> in order to become familiar with the testing software, item types and online tools such as the calculator that he/she will encounter and use during testing. There is a free P.E.R.T. study guide available anytime at <http://www.fldoe.org/schools/pdf/PERT-StudentStudyGuide.pdf>, which we recommend be used.

It is important for you and your student to understand the following policies before testing:

■ **Electronic Devices**—If your student is found with ANY electronic devices during testing, his or her test will not be scored. We suggest that students leave devices at home or in their lockers on the day of testing.

■ **Academic Honesty**—Your student is expected to agree that he/she will not give or receive unauthorized help during this test as it will be considered as cheating and will result in the invalidation of his/her test results. In addition, students are responsible for protecting their answers from being seen by nearby students. If students are caught cheating during testing, their tests will be invalidated.

■ **Student Privacy Policy**—Every student will be required to read and acknowledge the College Success Student Privacy Policy statement before beginning to take the test.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Heather Bell at hbelle@pasco.k12.fl.us. For more information about P.E.R.T., visit the Florida Department of Education website at <http://www.fldoe.org/schools/CommonPlacementTesting.asp>.

Thank you for supporting your student's test preparation. Our efforts are directed every day toward improving the overall high school graduation, career readiness, and college enrollment and completion rates at our school.

Sincerely,

Heather Bell