



BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

7B. Report

Date: April 17, 2006

SUBJECT: ASSESSMENT - PSAT RESULTS

BOARD GOAL: All students will achieve educational excellence.

FISCAL NOTE: None

Background Information:

- **PSAT/NMSQT (Pre Scholastic Achievement Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test):** Attached are results of the October 2005 administration for 10th and 11th grade students from Keller High School, Fossil Ridge High School, and Central High School.
- The PSAT is formatted like the SAT. It is scored on a 20-80 scale on each sub-test. An estimate SAT score can be determined by simply adding a zero to the end of your PSAT score. For example, a score of 52 on the Math sub-test is generally equivalent to a 520 on the SAT.
- PSAT results are primarily used for AP (Advanced Placement) identification.
- National Merit qualifiers will be announced in August 2006.

Administrative Considerations:

- PSAT scores for KISD 10th grade students in 2004 increased as seen in their 11th grade PSAT results.
- Average increase of students' sophomore PSAT scores to junior PSAT scores are as follows:
 - KHS: 8 point increase
 - FRHS: 6.6 point increase
 - CHS: 6.8 point increase
- Students participating in the Karen Dillard College Prep Course had an average increase of 18.2 points.
- KHS's testing irregularity has been processed and appropriate steps have been taken to ensure all students have the opportunity to qualify for National Merit competition.

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Respectfully submitted,

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