



KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

11E. Report

Date: April 9, 2007

SUBJECT: PSAT RESULTS

BOARD GOAL: Academic Excellence

FISCAL NOTE: None

Background Information:

- **PSAT (Pre Scholastic Achievement Test):** Attached are results of the October 2006 administration for 9th, 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.
- In the past, the district's assessment budget was used to pay for all 10th and 11th grade students to take the PSAT exam. This year, the High School Allotment funded the 10th and 11th grade PSAT exams. For the first time, all 9th grade students were extended the opportunity to take the PSAT.
- PSAT results are primarily used for AP (Advanced Placement) identification.
- 11th grade students' scores are also used to identify National Merit candidates.

Administrative Considerations:

- PSAT scores for KISD 10th grade students in 2005 increased as seen in their 11th grade PSAT results.
- Average increase of students' sophomore PSAT scores to junior PSAT scores is as follows:
 - KHS: 8.8 point increase
 - FRHS 4.9 point increase
 - CHS: 6 point increase
- Students participating in the Karen Dillard College Prep Course had an average increase of 12.7 points.

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Respectfully submitted,

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