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To: Pennsylvania Independent Living Program Coordinators & Private Providers

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Re: 2026 - 2027 SAT waivers

As another year of school is approaching, many of our high school juniors and seniors are not only looking to achieve their high school diploma or GED certificate, but they may be considering their options regarding post-secondary education. The process of applying for college admission can be expensive. Costs may include SAT fees and institutional application fees. To reduce this financial barrier, the College Board provides SAT fee-waivers to various agencies to distribute to qualified, economically disadvantaged students who plan to take the SAT tests.

This letter is being sent to Pennsylvania Independent Living Program Coordinators / Private Providers as a reminder that the Child Welfare Resource Center (CWRC) is one of the agencies designated to distribute SAT fee waivers. Below you will find some additional information about the waivers, as well as the Resource Center's process on how to obtain a waiver code for your youth.

- The Child Welfare Resource Center will be distributing SAT Reasoning and SAT Subject Test Electronic Fee Waiver codes to aid Pennsylvania's Older Youth in continuing their higher education.
- The attached form should be completed by the county children and youth agency, or the private provider agency contracted by the county.
- Completed forms should be emailed, as an attachment to Julie Hill, jah721@pitt.edu. Please keep in mind the deadline for each testing date and allow enough time to process the paperwork.
- Upon receipt of the request, an electronic fee waiver code will be sent to the requestor.

- Students receive two (2) College Application Fee Waivers on their College Board account after they take an SAT test using a fee waiver code. The same code can be used for both SAT tests.

In addition to providing an overview of the process, I would like to take this opportunity to address the use of waivers. In previous years, the high absentee rates raised concerns from the College Board. Test-day absenteeism among fee-waiver recipients not only results in a monetary loss, but it also results in lost opportunities for students. Below are four main concerns students have identified as reasons for missing the test.

- ✓ Access to transportation / directions
- ✓ Better preparation and more confidence
- ✓ A closer test center location
- ✓ More encouragement and reminders

With this in mind, we are asking that every effort be made to ensure youth have the support they need to be prepared to take the test.

Specific questions regarding the SAT waiver should be directed to the College Board: SAT Customer Service at (866) 756-7346.

Questions regarding how to obtain an electronic fee waiver code may be directed to Julie Hill at jah721@pitt.edu.