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As many of our families have younger children who are now bringing home Smarter Balanced reports from last spring's testing, I wanted to share with you how last year's grade 11 performed on the SATs they took in March.

We are most proud of our students' efforts in preparing for the SAT. After taking the PSAT in the fall, many students took advantage of the focused practice sessions we offered prior to the SAT. Overall, we saw last year's junior class improve by an average of 50 points from the PSAT to the SAT.

In reading on the SAT, 71% of our students met the benchmark compared to 67% of students statewide. In math, 39% of our students met the state benchmark compared to 41% statewide. Writing, which has traditionally been our strength, was not measured.

This year we have modified our standardized testing program, particularly for assessing reading. We replaced NWEA fall testing in grades 9 and 10 with a computer-based tool that takes about 15 minutes to administer. Teachers and students get almost immediate feedback. This spring, grade 9 will be assessed with NWEA, grade 10 will take the PSAT10, and grade 11 will take the SAT and the Science NECAP.

