



Unified School District 232

School Improvement

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SUBJECT: ACT Exam Retake

To: Junior Students Who Took the March ACT and Their Parents/Guardians

We are writing to let you know that due to a miscommunication with ACT, junior students, who took the ACT on March 2-3 (without accommodations), will need to retake the exam on **April 6, 2021**.

While this news is a disappointment to the school district, we are confident students will be better prepared when they retake the free ACT assessment. The retake decision is **not** the fault of the district or the high schools.

If a student is not available for the retake on April 6, please contact Mrs. Michelle Hite, Director of Elementary Curriculum & Instruction, Accreditation.

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### **Background**

After consecutive inclement weather days in February, followed by spring parent-teacher conferences, the district's ACT test coordinator identified a test date in March and received approval directly from ACT.

However, upon receipt of completed tests, ACT notified the district that it would not score the exams. The district spent several days communicating with ACT to appeal its decision but the ACT compliance committee did not change its determination.

It is vitally important that students and parents understand this issue is **not** the result of any action by the administration at De Soto High School and Mill Valley High School, nor reflection on our teachers or counselors. Building leadership, test coordinators, and staff were excellent in preparing and proctoring tests.

The decision by the ACT committee to require retakes speaks to ACT's internal documentation and communication missteps, among themselves, and with school clients.

Like you, USD 232 is extremely disappointed in the committee's decision and has expressed so in clear terms. We support ACT's commitment to the integrity and validity of the standardized testing process, and apologize for the inconvenience caused by this decision. In a year filled with resilience and flexibility, we appreciate you as we work to attain scores for students in April.

Please watch for information from each high school regarding the ACT exam details for April 6<sup>th</sup>.

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