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HSA A++ SATURDAY SCHOOL RETREAT OFFERS INCREASED ACADEMIC SUPPORT FREE FOR STUDENTS

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) will offer a **free** 6-week High School Assessment (HSA) Saturday School Retreat for students in grades 9-12, and middle school students enrolled in HSA courses, beginning April 9. The program is designed to enhance the academic performance of students studying Algebra, Geometry, and Biology. HSAs test the knowledge and skills in the areas of English (May 23), Government (May 24), Geometry (May 25), Biology (May 26), and Algebra (May 27).

This program will help increase academic achievement, reinforce *Test Sophistication* strategies, and provide HSA support. Participants will focus on curriculum materials such as Prentice Hall workbooks for Algebra, Geometry and Biology, and public release tasks.

Each school region will have **HSA A++ Saturday School Retreat** Centers at the following locations:

- Region 1: Crossland HS and Friendly HS
- Region 2: Fairmont Heights High School, DuVal High School, BIC/Annapolis Road Academy
- Region 3: Charles Herbert Flowers HS, Forestville Military Academy, Largo HS, Suitland HS
- Region 4: Bowie HS, Surrattsville HS
- Region 5: High Point HS, Parkdale HS

"Our A+ Saturday School Retreat for students in grades 3-8 was an overwhelming success, with participation from approximately 3,000 students and their parents," said Dr. André J. Hornsby, Chief Executive Officer. "Now, selected middle and high school students also have an opportunity to take advantage of a system-wide extended learning opportunity and further prepare for the upcoming HSAs."

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To participate in the **HSA A++ Saturday School Retreat**, students may register through their school's guidance counselor, until April 4. Registration forms are available at all schools in the county, and can be found online at www.pgcps.org. Parents and students are responsible for their transportation. The program will operate from 8:45 a.m. – 12:10 p.m., beginning April 9 and ending May 21 (with the exception of April 23).

HSA A++ is a component of the *Test Sophistication* initiative. *Test Sophistication* prepares students for overall academic achievement and success on state and national exams through targeted instruction, extending learning opportunities, vacation homework packets, test preparation, and much more. For additional information, please contact Melissa Shindel at 301-952-6044.

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