Dear Cedar families,

My name is Teri Lynn Betor, instructor at Expert Test Preparation of South Florida.

We are encouraging parents to begin placing their students in our SAT Prep courses starting in the 9th grade. This will prepare them not only for the SAT and ACT, but also for the mandatory PSAT which is typically given in October of their junior year. In addition, students who score in the top 99th-percentile on the PSAT qualify for the National Merit Scholarship award. This award attracts the attention of the country's top universities and may even result in scholarship offers.

Through this course, students learn and apply test-taking strategies, formulas, and principles designed to significantly increase their test scores. Students who earn certain minimum scores on these exams receive either partial or full scholarship money toward their tuition through participating Florida schools as part of Florida's "Bright Futures" scholarship program.

Sign up now for the spring semester, CEDAR offers 2 test-prep courses: Tuesdays at 8:00am and at 10:50am.

In my 30 years of experience teaching test prep at various schools and universities in south Florida, I can tell you with assurance that parents' biggest regret is not enrolling their students in test prep courses early in their high school journey. The earlier students begin to both prepare and to begin testing, the easier it is for them to significantly increase their scores.

If your student is a senior, please be aware that he or she has until the end of the school year to achieve a score necessary to become eligible for the Bright Futures scholarship. If you are interested in having the state of Florida pay for a significant part of your child's college education, I would encourage you have them begin prepping now. There are still plenty of SAT and ACT exams to take before the end of the school year. I will talk more about this in my course.

Parents who decide to start their 9th graders in test prep never regret doing so: this gives the student a head start and makes him or her much more comfortable and confident as they enter their sophomore and junior year.

In this course, students will be taking a complete SAT and ACT exam, and will be given many strategies, principles, and formulas to help them maximize their scores. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely, Teri Lynn Betor Expert Test Prep of South Florida