Student’s Plan is Military

[SCHOOL LETTERHEAD]

Dear Parent of <studentfirstname> <studentlastname>,

The GEAR UP mission at <SchoolName> High School is to increase the number of students who continue their education beyond High School. A signature service of GEAR UP is a Postsecondary Education Planning Session (PEPS) for every student every year. Last year, when the GEAR UP students, including <studentfirstname> were in 11th grade, I worked with each student to decide on their specific plan after high school. This year I am meeting again with each GEAR UP senior to provide assistance with the steps needed to achieve their plan.

According to our records, <studentfirstname> plans to enter the **military** after high school graduation. A military recruitment officer can best guide your <son/daughter> through this process. If your <son/daughter> has changed plans, and decided to attend a university, college or vocational school, please contact me as soon as possible, and I will be happy to provide financial aid information and assist with applications.

Sincerely,

GEAR UP Coordinator

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Student’s Plan is Workforce

[SCHOOL LETTERHEAD]

Dear Parent of <studentfirstname> <studentlastname>,

The GEAR UP mission at <SchoolName> is to increase the number of students who continue their education beyond High School. A signature service of GEAR UP is a Postsecondary Education Planning Session (PEPS) for every student every year. Last year, when the GEAR UP students, including <studentfirstname>, were in 11th grade, I worked with each student to decide on their specific plan after high school. This year I am meeting again with each GEAR UP senior to provide assistance with the steps needed to achieve their plan.

According to our records, <studentfirstname> plans to enter the **workforce** full-time after high school graduation. I can help <studentfirstname> prepare a resume or fill out job applications if that would be helpful. Or, if <she/he> has changed plans, and would like to combine work with community college, vocational school, or to attend a postsecondary education program full time, please contact me as soon as possible, and I will be happy to provide financial aid information and assist with applications.

Sincerely,

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Student’s Plan is continuing education

[SCHOOL LETTERHEAD]

Dear Parent of <studentfirstname> <studentlastname>,

The GEAR UP mission at <SchoolName> is to increase the number of students who continue their education beyond High School. A signature service of GEAR UP is a Postsecondary Education Planning Session (PEPS) for every student every year. Last year, when the students, including <studentfirstname> were in 11th grade, I worked with each student to decide on their specific plan after high school. This year I am meeting again with each GEAR UP senior to provide assistance with the steps needed to achieve their plan.

According to our records, <studentfirstname> plans to attend <first choice college> after high school graduation. This year will be a very busy and exciting time for your family and I want to be as helpful as possible in guiding <studentfirstname> through the application process and assisting with exploring financial aid opportunities. If <studentfirstname> has changed plans for education after high school, please contact me as soon as possible, so I can provide the proper assistance.

To be considered for financial aid, **you and <studentfirstname>** **must complete a “FAFSA” (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).** Completing and submitting theFAFSA is the only way to access federal grants, loans and work-study jobs to help pay for college so it is extremely important. The application window for filing the FAFSA opens on **October 1, 2017.**  Students and parents are required to create an FSA (Federal Student Aid) ID, made up of a username and password, to access certain U.S. Department of Education websites such as the FAFSA online. If you and/or your student have not yet created an FSA ID, please visit *INSERTLINK t*o create one before October 1st. Please contact me if you are unable to create an FSA ID. I will be in contact with you in the coming weeks and months with more information about the FAFSA.

Please contact me if you have any questions. I look forward to working with you and <studentfirstname> throughout this exciting year.

Sincerely,

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