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Dear D11 Families and Staff:

On our continued path to excellence, Colorado Springs School District 11 is thrilled to announce the pivotal expansion of our D11 Promise Scholarship Program. The program — which started last year as the Mitchell Promise, serving Mitchell High School — will now be available to all D11 graduating seniors.

The bottom line: Starting this year, every D11 student who graduates high school with a GPA of 2.5 or better and meets the criteria below will receive a full-ride scholarship to Pikes Peak State College.

Thanks to partners including the Bruni Foundation, the Dakota Foundation, the Legacy Institute, and Pikes Peak State College, Promise Scholarships will cover tuition, fees, and textbooks for a period of up to three years or 60 credit hours, whichever comes first.

To qualify for the D11 Promise Scholarship, D11 graduates are required to do the following:

- Graduate from a D11 high school or D11 charter high school with a 2.5 or better GPA.
- Achieve 90% attendance records or better at their D11 high school.
- Qualify for in-state tuition.
- Complete a FASFA and/or Colorado Application for State Financial Aid (CASFA) application.
- Enroll at PPSC within 18 months of high school graduation.
- Maintain a 2.0 GPA at PPSC to maintain eligibility.

The D11 Board of Education, Superintendent Gaal, and the District leadership team, in collaboration with our external partners, created, and now are expanding, the Promise Scholarship for two reasons:

- To support our D11 graduates as they continue their education into college at significant cost savings to parents and guardians.
- To encourage D11 students to attend, engage, and perform during high school.

We are committed to increasing graduation rates and academic achievement. The Promise Scholarship is one tool that will help us do that.

Thank you for partnering with us on our journey to make Colorado Springs School District 11 the district of choice for excellence in education in El Paso County.

Sincerely,

Parth, Jason, Sandra, Lauren, Darleen, Al, & Julie

Superintendent Michael Gaal

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