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Dear Cougar Parents,

You are receiving this letter to inform you about an important item that is necessary for your student to complete on their Senior Checklist, and to officially graduate in the Spring. The requirement I am referring to is to complete some form of financial aid. But do not worry- your student has a personal assigned advisor to assist them on this process and with applying to a trade school, military branch, or a 2/4 year university. With that being said, it is important to encourage your student to meet with their post-secondary advisor to complete a financial aid application (FAFSA/TASFA) and more.

Additionally, FAFSA/ TAFSA opens this year in December and not October 1st like in previous years. Since there is a later filing start date it is **very important** that we start preparing and have everything ready to go for both you and your student to file in **December!** One major reason is due to many schools will not be changing their application and supplemental items (ex: FAFSA/TASFA) due dates. As a reminder, once financial aid opens and time passes, the amount of federal funding for trade school, certificate programs, community college, and universities decreases.

Other than encouraging your student to meet with their advisor it would also be helpful for you to start preparing the documents you need to help your dependent student. What you can do now is make sure you have filed your taxes/completed your 1040 for the year of 2022. This information is what we will utilize to complete your student's information for 2024-2025. Additionally, you can start by creating your personal FSA ID via this link:

<https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>

Even if your student is planning to go straight into the workforce, completing (FAFSA/TASFA) is a **graduation REQUIREMENT** per the **State of Texas Legislation House Bill 3**. Failure to complete FAFSA/TASFA will make your student ineligible to graduate.

The Go Center Advisors are available to help you get this completed. PLEASE reach out to us with any questions you or your family may have. Our contact info is above. Feel free to reach out by any means.

Best Wishes,

Mr. Perez (Seniors A-H)
Mrs. Sanchez (Seniors I-P)
Mrs. Fournier (Seniors Q-Z)
Coach Murry (CCMR)
Mr. Graham (T3 - Sophomores)

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