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PARENT RESPONSE FORM

STUDENT NAME: _____

Dear Parent/Guardian

Once again it is time for seniors to consider their plans for post-graduation. As they make decisions for furthering their education, enlisting in the military, traveling, or directly entering the workforce, students often require letters of recommendation from their counselors. These letters are confidential and released only with your permission or your child's permission.

Although counselors ask for help from teachers, coaches, and activity advisors as they evaluate each student as completely and fairly as possible, we feel one component is often left out. That is you, the parents/guardians. No one knows your children as well as you do. Please help us by responding to the questions below. Be funny; be serious; be honest; be proud. The more we know, the better our ability to help guide your son or daughter through the post-secondary planning process. We hope that you will share your responses with your child. If you do not find these particular questions helpful, then write us a letter. Your anecdotes and background are extremely helpful to us in writing the recommendations. Please feel free to use the reverse side if you require additional space. If you prefer, you may e-mail us at the above addresses.

1) Describe one or two major events that you see as turning points in your son's or daughter's development and explain why you view them as such.

2) His/her high school career has been pleasurable/painful because: (Don't hesitate to write about both aspects.)

3) His/her greatest strength/weakness is:

4) We are proud of our child because: (Specific anecdotes are particularly welcome.)

5) Something you need to know about my/our son/daughter is:

6) What are the strongest indications that your son/daughter is ready (or is not) for the next step beyond high school.

7) Is there anything you wish to add which would help us in writing your child's recommendation: i.e., educational background, special family situation, special medical history, personal achievements; etc.?

Please return this form to the guidance office a month before your child is making application. Your willingness to complete this form is very helpful to us as we counsel your child and write his/her recommendation.

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