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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you well and that you are as excited as we are about the upcoming opportunities for your student's educational and career journey.

We are thrilled to introduce "Pathfinder," an innovative online career exploration and planning tool that will play a pivotal role in shaping your student's path to success. Pathfinder is the result of a collaborative effort involving our school district, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO), and other statewide stakeholders. It is designed to empower students like yours to make informed choices about their educational and career options.

Pathfinder offers a wealth of valuable resources and features, including:

**College Information:** A comprehensive database of colleges and universities to help students find the right fit for their academic and career goals.

**Financial Aid Information**: Essential guidance on financial aid, scholarships, and grants to support their educational aspirations.

**Career Opportunities:** Insights into potential job opportunities and career paths that align with their interests and aspirations.

**Community and County Service:** Information on ways to give back to their community and make a positive impact.



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**Skills Assessment:** Tools to help students assess their skills and interests if they're unsure about their career path.

**Dual Enrollment and Training:** Exploration of opportunities to earn college credit or receive specialized training while still in high school.

Pathfinder brings all of these valuable resources together in one centralized location, making it a one-stop destination for decision-making information. It's a dynamic tool that will engage your student and you in creating and continuously reviewing Educational Development Plans (EDPs) that should encompass career exploration.

We strongly encourage you to explore Pathfinder alongside your student. Together, you can embark on a journey of discovery, planning, and achievement that will set them on the path to a bright and fulfilling future. We encourage you to have your student utilize the Pathfinder tool linked below:

Access these resources here: Michigan Career Pathfinder (mitalent.org)

As we continue to work together to provide the best possible educational experience for your student, we believe that Pathfinder will be an invaluable asset in helping them achieve their goals.

Thank you for your partnership, and please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or need assistance in utilizing Pathfinder. We look forward to supporting your student's journey to success.

Sincerely,

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