Parents,

As your student’s school counselor is creating a letter of recommendation to send out to colleges, it will be helpful to give them additional information about your child from your perspective. This will help the counselor write a unique and representative letter, aiding your child in attending the best fit school. Please use careful consideration to answer the questions below. Your student will bring your responses when they request the school counselor letter.

1. Please describe your child in 3 or 4 adjectives or words:

2. Since entering high school, my student has changed in the following significant ways:

3. What do you consider the most important achievements of your child during high school? Why did you select these as important?

4. What are the ways in which your student contributes to the high school community and to the community beyond?

5. Describe a characteristic or accomplishment that we might not know about—something that won't show up on your student’s activity record.

6. Does your student passionately pursue any special interests?
7. Has your student faced any emotional stress, physical illness, personal challenges or especially difficult experiences?

8. How has your child overcome obstacles or adversity, demonstrated strength, courage, resiliency?

9. Although my student may not tell you, I feel it is important for you to know:

10. Is there any information about your family (individuals, history, cultural influences, legacies, special circumstances, family traditions or activities) that would be helpful for us to know as we work with your son or daughter?

11. What type of academic and social collegiate environment do you believe your student will thrive in?

12. Which parent should we attempt to contact first during the business day, and what is the best method of contact? (Cell, e-mail, work, home)