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Dear Parent/Guardian,

High school is an exciting time, filled with many experiences and opportunities. One opportunity available is the option to earn a college preparatory certificate at graduation. This certificate was designed to recognize those students who not only exceed the state's minimum graduation requirements, but who also demonstrate a commitment to good school attendance. Because the certificate is awarded by the state, local schools may not change requirements for students to qualify. There are several criteria that must be met, which is specifically outlined by the Missouri State Board of Education. The criteria are as follows:

1. Earn at least a cumulative 3.0 grade point average (GPA), on a 4.0 scale, in the combined subject areas of English/language arts, mathematics, science and social studies.
2. Score above the prior year's national composite average mean on the American College Test (ACT) or on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). This criterion is revised annually to reflect the latest national averages from the ACT and SAT.
3. Maintain a 9-12 attendance rate of at least 95 percent.
4. Complete a strong academic program with certain specific classes, as specifically outlined by the State. For the exact listing of courses required, please see Mrs. Ming for assistance.

According to La Monte School policy 605.4 and 605.8, one requirement to graduate with honors is that students must meet the course requirements of the college preparatory course work program. In addition, students completing those course requirements will have priority in class rank and valedictorian and salutatorian selection.

Although it is not yet your student's senior year, it is important to plan ahead and schedule classes appropriately. Every spring during enrollment, your student goes over their 4-year plan and signs whether or not they would like to participate in the college preparatory program. This letter is to inform you of the opportunities that are presented to your student so you can discuss it with them and plan accordingly.

Please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns you may have. If you would like to discuss whether or not your student is signed up to be part of this program, feel free to call or stop by.

Sincerely,

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