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Eighth graders and their parents invited to Pledge for Success event on Thursday, March 1

Farmington, Michigan—Eighth grade students and their parents are invited to a special event called “Your Success Starts Today” on Thursday, March 1 from 5:30 - 8:45 p.m. at the Oakland Community College (OCC) - Orchard Ridge Campus - J Building. OCC is located at 27055 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills.

This free program is designed to prepare eighth grade students and their parents for high school and beyond. The Program will include: a resource fair, student speakers, raffle prizes and great information for students and their families.

Students, parents and community members will be asked to take a pledge on March 1. **Student Pledge:** “I pledge to believe in myself and to work hard and excel at my studies. I will be on a successful path to a career and fulfilling life.” **Parent Pledge:** “I pledge to believe in my child. I will be committed to the academic and career success of my child and treat knowledge as a priority in our home.” **Community Pledge:** “I pledge to work with others to make Farmington/Farmington Hills THE learning community.”

Presentations will include: "Making Good Choices...for a successful high school experience," "Choosing a Pathway and Preparing for the Journey," "High School Learning Opportunities," and "Financial Aid."

Pledge for Success is a coalition of educators, public institutions, businesses, community organizations, and others dedicated to establishing Farmington/Farmington Hills as the hub of educational opportunity in metro Detroit. The Pledge coalition encourages all citizens to attain a strong academic foundation for their personal success and the success of the entire community. The Coalition will take charge by helping citizens reach their educational goals by helping them to find information on resources to plan and pay for education, host educational related programs for preschool, K-12 and beyond and by encouraging

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local businesses or agencies to provide work-based learning opportunities.

Pledge adopters include: Farmington Public Schools, Farmington Community Library, City of Farmington Hills, City of Farmington, Greater Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce, Farmington/Farmington Hills Foundation for Youth and Families, Farmington/Farmington Hills Multicultural Multiracial Community Council (MCMR), Farmington Education Association, Farmington Area PTA Council, Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Area Interfaith Association, Farmington Family YMCA, Oakland Community College and Farmington Youth Assistance.