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Dr. Linda Lane, Superintendent of Schools

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Dear 2014 Graduation Candidate,

Congratulations on being a member of the Pittsburgh Public Schools 2014 high school graduating class. You should feel very proud of your accomplishment and excited about taking the next step on the path to success. That's why I wanted to let you know about a special opportunity from the Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC).

Because you have a high school grade point average (GPA) between 2.0 and 2.49, you may be eligible for the *CCAC EXTENSION PROGRAM*. The program provides **free** college tuition, books and fees at CCAC and offers an extended period to qualify for a *Pittsburgh Promise* Scholarship. Upon acceptance into the program and successful completion of the first year of study at CCAC, students will become eligible to take advantage of the *Pittsburgh Promise* scholarship at any *Promise-affiliated* institution.

In order to qualify for the *CCAC EXTENSION PROGRAM*, you **must** meet the following requirements and CCAC must receive your completed application by **July 1, 2014**:

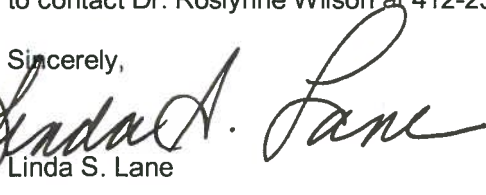
- Have a cumulative GPA between 2.0 and 2.49 at the time of high school graduation;
- Meet all other criteria for *The Pittsburgh Promise* with the exception of GPA;
- Complete the FAFSA application for the 2014-2015 school year at www.fafsa.ed.gov by April 30th and put CCAC's number **003231** on it by July 1, 2014;
- Complete the three enclosed applications: (1) *CCAC Extension Program Application*; (2) *CCAC Application for Admissions*; (3) *The Pittsburgh Promise Application* (if not already submitted).

Students accepted into the program will receive free tuition and books for a minimum of 9 academic credits for the 2013 fall semester, which begins August 18, 2014. All students must attend a CCAC student orientation held on the Allegheny Campus on August 13, 2014 at 11:00 or August 14, 2014 at 1:00. Students will be paired with a CCAC Student Success Coach to facilitate the transition to college.

At the conclusion of the fall semester, students who have completed a minimum of 9 credits with at least a 2.0 GPA and are in good standing with CCAC may enroll for the spring. Upon successful completion of the spring semester, students who have earned 18 credits a 2.0 GPA who are in good standing become *Promise* eligible and may continue their education at CCAC or at any *Promise* eligible Pennsylvania school. Students will have 3 years of scholarship funds available and 4 years remaining to use them.

We hope you consider taking advantage of the *CCAC EXTENSION PROGRAM*. Please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Roslynne Wilson at 412-237-4601 if you have any questions about the program.

Sincerely,



Linda S. Lane

Enclosures