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Dear Community Partner,

My name is Betsy Cleveland, and I am the Community Liaison Director for the Northeast region of the school district. Polk County Public Schools is proud to announce our inaugural Commitment Day! Each high school will host their own individual 2023 Commitment Day event to celebrate our graduating seniors who have made a commitment to their future, and we need your help to make this day special. Commitment Day events will be held at each high school during the last two weeks in April and will recognize students who plan to attend any college, university, or training program as well as our students that will join the military or the workforce.

Former First Lady Michelle Obama started celebrating College Signing Day at the White House and we are thrilled to begin our own local tradition by recognizing all seniors who are committing to their future. Celebrating our seniors' success means more than a party; they know our community is proud of their hard work, invested in their futures, and excited to see what they do next.

We would appreciate it if you would donate to our inaugural Commitment Day. We have 17 high schools throughout the county and our goal is to provide each school with five gift baskets. I will be collecting for the Northeast region which includes Haines City High School, Ridge Community High School and Davenport High School. Below are suggested items:

- Luggage for their travels (backpacks, duffle bags, computer bags, etc.)
- Bedding essentials (neutral-colored comforter and sheets, mattress cover, etc.)
- Bathroom essentials (neutral-colored towels, towel wrap, slippers, and robe)
- Laundry supplies (hamper, detergent, stain sticks, laundry bag, hangers, etc)
- Car safety necessities (jumper cables, car safety multi-tool, etc.)
- Electronics (Bluetooth speakers, Air Pods, power strips, etc.)
- Insulated cups, coolers, or lunch containers.
- Prizes for raffles including gift cards and school supplies.

Your donation will show all students that they matter and that their community supports them. Thank you in advance for your consideration and please consider joining us at one of our Commitment Day events.

If you have any questions, please contact me at betsy.cleveland@polk-fl.net or 863-216-9857

Sincerely,

Betsy Cleveland

P.S. We will acknowledge and appreciate our sponsors at the Commitment Day events and by way of our Polk County Public Schools social media platforms and a special recognition at a School Board Meeting. Our social media platforms reach our community near and far, so we hope to add your name to our list of sponsors! And please be sure to check our website at www.polkschoolsfl.com for the schedule of 2023 Commitment Day events.

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