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October 14, 2015 marks the first annual Perris Union High School District "Kickoff to College" event. Students in all grade levels from all schools will be participating in activities that focus on preparing students to be college and career ready. Our students' college and career readiness is more important now than ever before. Approximately 90 percent of the fastest-growing jobs in this country require post-secondary training. The benefits of educational achievement directly translate not only into meaningful careers, but also into higher future incomes for our students. For these reasons, college and career readiness is one of the top priorities in the Perris Union High School District. We want to ensure that ALL students graduate ready for college and/or the 21st Century workforce.

Bringing awareness to our students about college and career readiness is the motivation for this district-wide, "Kickoff to College" event. It is imperative that our students have the knowledge and tools to navigate their way through the many career paths and college choices that are available to them as they transition into young adults. There is not one single path that suits every student. We want to ensure that every student has a plan for success upon completion of high school. This means we will continually engage students in activities that expose them to the tools and resources available to support planning for their future.

On the day of the event, students in all grade levels will participate in specific activities that prepare them for post high school success. The activities for each grade level are listed below. We are excited to have this opportunity to bring focus and awareness to our students about the importance of preparing for their future!

Sincerely,

Dr. Jonathan L. Greenberg
Superintendent

7th and 9th Grade Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College and Career Interest Research Assignment • FAFSA Forecaster • 4-year Plan-9th • 6-year Plan-7th
8th and 10th Grade Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSAT-Preliminary SAT (4 hr Block) • College and Career Interest Research Project
11th Grade Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSAT-Preliminary SAT (4 hr Block) • College and Career Interest Research Project • CTE Certificate Program Presentations • Military Opportunity Presentations • Community Member Career Presentations
12th Grade Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UC/CSU Applications • Community College Applications • UC Prompt Writing • Financial Aid/FSA ID • Scholarship Applications • Military Opportunity Presentations • Practice College Entrance Assessments

College and Career Readiness Legend (English)	(Spanish)
<p>College and Career Readiness: A student who is ready for college and career can qualify for and succeed in entry-level, credit bearing college courses leading to a baccalaureate or certificate, or career pathway-oriented training programs without the need for remedial or developmental coursework.</p> <p>Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) : Form used to determine the amount of money a family is expected to contribute to the price of attending a postsecondary institution. The results of the FAFSA are used in determining student grants, work study, and loan amounts.</p> <p>FAFSA Forecaster: Estimate eligibility and understand options for paying for college through financial aid.</p> <p>Federal Student Aid ID: An FSA ID gives you access to Federal Student Aid's online systems and can serve as your legal signature.</p> <p>Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT): This test serves two purposes. One, it is a kind of rehearsal for students who plan to take the SAT, and it is the initial screening for the National Merit Scholarship for students in their junior year.</p> <p>Career Technical Education (CTE): A program of study that involves a multiyear sequence of courses that integrates core academic knowledge with technical and occupational knowledge to provide students with a pathway to postsecondary education and careers.</p> <p>College Entrance Exams: EAP, ELM/EPT, and Accuplacer are all types of math and English placement tests to enter a community college or 4-year college.</p>	