TO MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS

**THIS IS THE TIME TO HELP** PREPARE YOUR CHILD FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

**Things the Parent can do while their child is in middle school:**

- Talk to your child about his or her interests and help match those interests with a college major and career.
- Help your child develop good study habits such as studying at the same time and place every day and having the necessary materials to complete assignments.
- Stay in contact with your child’s teachers and counselor so that they can let you know about any changes in your child’s behavior or schoolwork.
- Keep an eye on your child’s grades on his or her tests and report cards, and help him or her find tutoring assistance, if necessary.
- Continue saving for your child’s college education. If you have not opened a savings account, you can find information about tax advantages and links to state plans at [www.collegesavings.org](http://www.collegesavings.org).
- Use FAFSA4caster at [www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov) to find out how much federal student aid your child might receive. This information will help you plan ahead.
- Here is another site to check out:
  - [www.ed.gov/parents](http://www.ed.gov/parents)