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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The purpose of this communication is to provide additional information on what supports are available to your senior as they work through the college application process during the work stoppage. We know applying to college can already be a stressful experience and our goal is to not add additional stress to your family during this important post-secondary planning time.

### **Support for your college applications during work stoppage**

On your students MaiaLearning dashboard we have curated resources to help them through the college application process with videos covering important topics such as college searches, applying to colleges, linking their Common App and submitting their college application materials. MaiaLearning resources are also available on the PPS Maia Learning webpage <https://www.pps.net/domain/5674>

### **Getting access to your transcript**

Most colleges have moved to a self-reporting model for grades and only require an official transcript upon acceptance, but if your student needs to access their transcript there are multiple places where they can access their course history to assist in completing college applications. Below are directions to view their course history and unofficial transcript:

- **Synergy StudentVue:** Log into StudentVue, Select Course History, then Graduation Status. Click on the blue box titled Unofficial Transcript. Step-by-step instructions are available at <https://bit.ly/MyTranscriptPPS>.
- **MaiaLearning:** Log into MaiaLearning and go to **Academics** on the left menu bar. Select **Completed Courses**. Your student's course history should be viewable.
- For an official copy of your student's transcript, reach out to your school's main office.

### **Teacher and Counselor Letters of Recommendation**

During the work stoppage teachers and counselors will not be available to write letters of recommendation for students. We know this is an important part of your student's college application. We have taken the following steps based upon implemented practices from other districts who have experienced work stoppages.

- PPS has prepared a [Statement of Work Stoppage](#) that will be included in each high school's school profile and will automatically be sent when materials are electronically sent in Maia Learning. This statement of work stoppage will be included on materials sent after November 1. If your student has already submitted your college application materials prior to November 1 this letter will not be included. You can send a .pdf version of this letter directly to college admissions offices if needed.
- **Update:** OSU and UO do not require letters of recommendation. Students wishing to apply to the two institutions are able to provide unofficial transcripts (OSU) or self-report their coursework (UO) through the Self-Reported Academic Record (SRAR), to apply by their stated deadlines. Students do not need to arrange with their teachers or counselor in order to complete their applications. Linfield University is extending its Early Action deadline to December 1 for PPS students and will continue to be flexible as events unfold.

Sincerely,  
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