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Dear Detroit Public School Student,

Making plans for the future can be a very exciting time for a student; however, it can also be very frightening and intimidating. As you start preparing for high school, keep in mind there are a lot of people that are going to be there to support you. Through your parents, teachers, principals, counselors and other adults in your life, don't be afraid to ask for help in navigating your way through the new world of high school.

Make the choice now to go to college and use the network of mentors you will find in high school to help keep you focused on your goal. Through my experience, the choices I made that frightened me the most ended up being the most rewarding. Going to college was one of those decisions. All the same questions running through your head, were running through mine: can I afford to go to college, it seems like too much work, am I ready to live on my own, can I keep up with the work load?

Well, it turns out, even though it was hard work, by listening to the advice given me by the adults around me and keeping my eye on the goal, I ended up having the experience of a life time. During college, I learned how to be independent, met some of the best friends I will ever have and earned a degree that made me eligible for a career that I have loved for 25 years. My advice to you, don't be afraid of your high school and college years, embrace the opportunities they offer and make the most of it. You won't regret it.

Good luck.

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