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Dear Student,

I would like to provide you with some information relative to a program called *School Counts!* This is an optional program coordinated through the The Foundation of the Columbia Montour Chamber of Commerce. It provides incentives to high school students in Columbia and Montour counties to get good grades and have a strong attendance record. Students who meet the *School Counts!* criteria will be awarded with a certificate at the end of the school year. To earn a certificate you must meet the following criteria:

- Earn a “C” or higher in every class
- No more than nine absences
- No more than five tardies
- Take more than the minimum required credits
- Demonstrate positive behavior with no out of school suspensions

The purpose of this program is to help students understand how their performance in school is directly related to the success of their future careers. Many businesses in the two-county area are participating in *School Counts!* by asking students if they have a certificate during job interviews. Businesses realize the importance of this program, and I hope you do, as well.

You may find more information about the program on the Web at www.cmccfoundation.com or at www.pct.edu/k12/schoolcounts. If you would like to sign up for this program, you may complete the pledge form included, or you may pick up a pledge form in the Guidance Office. Completed forms should be returned to the Guidance Office. I hope you will consider participating in this worthwhile program.

Sincerely,

Principal's Name
Title