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Dear Colleague:

Wow! What an amazing week!

This is the **fifth consecutive year** of the district's annual *High School & Beyond (HS&B)* events for district families at all grade levels. Each year gets better and bigger!

On Tuesday, a record crowd of more than 1,400 braved the parking challenges at Jackson High School to hear [Ray Corona](#) tell his story. Corona, his family's first-generation college attendee, is now a college admissions director. His story and expertise clarifies just how college IS a possibility for those who plan and work for it.

On Wednesday, despite torrential rains, more than 1,100 puddle-jumped their way into the events at Cascade High School. Mr. Corona again fired up a group of students and their families. As JHS-area families had done the night before, Cascade-area families browsed the booths and information tables of higher learning institutions, training centers, vocational schools and armed-services representatives to help pave *High School & Beyond* plans.

The enthusiasm continued **on Thursday**, with another 1,500 counted by doorway clickers as flowing through the halls and buildings of Everett High School and the Civic Center. Again, this enthusiastic crowd was inspired by Mr. Corona and the vast array of representatives assembled for the event.

I've seen dozens and dozens of "career fairs" in my years in education. Some have been better than others. But NONE have the caliber, focus or enthusiasm of our *High School & Beyond* events.

Please give a high five to our incredible counseling staff for the organizational feat they choreograph each year. Say "thank you" also to school administrators who clear the deck each year to make these showcase events possible.

Thanks also to the Everett Public Schools Foundation, our funding sponsor for *HS&B*. Another example of the Foundation's partnership with us on behalf of each student.

Warm regards,

Gary