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The Rhode Island Promise program has allowed students to continue their education beyond Classical High with the financial support necessary to open the door of opportunity. Prior to the Promise Program, the lack of financial support was a critical barrier to pursuing post high school education. This has allowed our graduates to obtain their Associates Degree or continue with their education to a four-year college or university program. Many of these graduates are now in our work force with the latest skills needed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The Rhode Island Promise Program has become an important piece of the Rhode Island economic engine and has allowed our high school graduates the opportunity needed for success.

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