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High School District 211 to hold media event for launch of new Student Readiness Plan

Palatine, Ill. — Township High School District 211's new Student Readiness Plan (SRP) is an innovative web-based platform that will revolutionize how students, parents, and educators support and track student success at the individual level. District 211 will host a formal media event for the launch of the SRP on Wednesday, June 13, 2018, at Schaumburg High School (1100 W. Schaumburg Road in Schaumburg) from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The media is invited to attend; however, the event is closed to the public.

In partnership with the Joyce Foundation, District 211 has developed the Student Readiness Plan, an innovative interactive program that allows students to have direct control over their high school planning and career exploration, tracking five key components for student success. The five key components of the SRP, all discussed in-depth during the District's recent Community Engagement initiative, include: Academic Readiness, College and Career Exploration, Global Competitive Skills, Student Involvement, and Wellness. Personal goals associated with each component are determined by students, with input from counselors, parents, and teachers. Since November, the SRP web-portal has been tested by 500 students district-wide, 100 from each District 211 high school.

"As adults, we often have a picture in our mind of what a student should look like as he or she gets ready for high school graduation, and our picture doesn't always translate into the student's own picture," commented Associate Superintendent for Student Services Mark Kovack, one of the Plan's lead developers. *"The Readiness Plan is an interactive tool that students will use to track real-time information, putting students in the driver's seat while helping them understand how they are progressing toward personal goals."*

Attendees at the June 13 media event will see first-hand student demonstrations of the SRP components, as well as have an opportunity to speak with students who tested the program during its pilot period. Parents involved in the project also will be in attendance for questions and comments. In addition, a 90-second animated video about the SRP will be shown and made available for media use, along with other SRP materials.

"I think that this (SRP) will have us more involved since it will keep us motivated knowing what we have to get done, and what is expected of us to be able to reach the goals we set," said Hoffman Estates High School Freshman Brooklyn Fuscone, a student who took part in the SRP pilot testing.

High School District 211 has always been on the cutting edge of educational support for its students. The Student Readiness Plan will be transformative and will have a direct impact on student achievement, but more importantly prepare all graduates for college, career, and life.