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Dear Parents:

Thank you for your support of seminary. More students are participating in seminary than ever before in the history of the Church! This past year we have introduced a new seminary curriculum that includes Life Preparation lessons. Some of these lessons are about education and how to succeed in school.

President Russell M. Nelson has taught, “education is a religious responsibility.” Given your important role as a parent, I want you to know that all youth and young adults have a place in the Church Educational System (CES).

As youth transition to post-high school learning opportunities, CES should play a vital role in their development. BYU, BYU–Idaho, and other Church schools provide an environment that is both spiritually edifying and academically strengthening. BYU–Pathway also offers an affordable and accessible option regardless of location.

Whether attending a Church school, another institution, or no school at all, everyone can access spiritually based courses through institute. President Nelson has promised, “Attending institute will help you to live the gospel and to feel more joy—right now. If you want to know the truth about who you really are, attend institute.”

I invite you and your child to sign up to receive personalized information from the various CES schools and institute options by visiting CES.ChurchofJesusChrist.org.

No matter where your child pursues their education, please help them involve the Lord in their learning and educational journey. Part of being a disciple of Jesus Christ is continuing to become spiritually and temporally self-reliant.

May the Lord bless you in your parenting efforts.

With Appreciation,



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