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Financial Aid Evening Scheduled for Tuesday, November 29

ADAMS, Ma – A Financial Aid night will be held at Berkshire Arts & Technology Charter Public School (BART) on Tuesday, November 29, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the school's atrium.

With high school seniors gearing up for the intense college application process, this program gives students and parents the information necessary to weigh their financial aid awards, look for alternative financing, and address any other questions or concerns when it comes to paying for college.

Financial aid officers from several local schools including Williams College, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (MCLA), Berkshire Community College, and other local institutions will host the program at locations throughout the county in the coming weeks. Carrie Dempsey, assistant director of financial aid at MCLA, will lead the program at BART.

The program includes a discussion of various financial aid concepts, the nuts and bolts of applying for aid, and an in-depth analysis of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and PROFILE application forms.

FAFSA worksheets will be available but parents are encouraged to register online at fafsa.ed.gov to familiarize themselves with the forms and overall process. A new FAFSA will debut online at the start of the new year.

BART is a nationally recognized, award-winning, tuition-free public middle and high school focused on preparing students for college. One hundred percent of BART's graduates have passed a college course and have been accepted into college prior to graduation. BART does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability or sexual orientation.

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