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April 1, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2024,

Because of the support of many generous donors the Ponca Community Educational Foundation, Inc., (PCEF) is excited to announce that for the 2023-2024 school year, the **Ponca Promise** is being offered for Ponca High School seniors who take college credit classes. The PCEF Board of Directors developed this program for two reasons: 1. To promote the importance of higher education for students of the Ponca School District. 2. To help alleviate some financial burden incurred by Ponca students who are advancing their post high school education while still in high school.

In order to qualify to take college credit classes during their senior year, Ponca students will need to be in good credit standing and will need to have at least an 85% GPA.

As part of the PCEF's third year **Ponca Promise** guidelines, to be considered for \$75 of college-class related expenses funding for a college credit class taken first semester, the student must earn at least a "B" or above grade point average or 3.0000 or higher on a 4.0000 point scale on that college's grading scale and the college credit class must be taken through Northeast Community College (NECC) or Wayne State College (WSC). Additionally, students must pay for their class & supplies upfront and then, after earning at least the grade point average listed above, the student and parent/guardian must sign and submit a **Ponca Promise Reimbursement Contract** to Mrs. Hassler. (See the enclosed contract.) Once the PCEF has received the signed **Ponca Promise Reimbursement Contract**, students will also need to submit the following two items to Mrs. Hassler:

- **Copy of corresponding NECC or WSC grade report**
- **Copy of the paid college credit class invoice from NECC or WSC** (which must show who paid for this class).

The PCEF will write a check in the amount of \$75 to the student or parent as part of the **Ponca Promise**. *PLEASE NOTE: Should eligible students wish to enroll in one additional college credit class for the second semester, according to these same guidelines, those students will be eligible for an additional \$75 college class related expenses reimbursement.*

The Class of 2024 will learn about the **Ponca Promise** in their junior English class at their meeting on Monday, May 8, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the Commons.

The PCEF is excited to sponsor the **Ponca Promise** for the Class of 2024! If you have any questions, please contact me at school.

Sincerely,

Francine Hassler
Ponca School 7-12 Guidance Counselor
PCEF Board of Director-Vice President & Scholarship Chairperson

Enclosure: **Ponca Promise** Reimbursement Form

cc: Mrs. Allison Stansberry, Ponca School 7-12 Principal
Mrs. Kristie Hayes, Ponca School School Technologist
Mr. Brendan Calahan, Ponca School Superintendent
Mr. Richard Dohma, PCEF President

*"We have no greater asset than our young people;
No better cause than their education."*