



**CITY OF
PROVIDENCE**
Brett P. Smiley, Mayor

May 8, 2025

The Honorable Dr. Javier Montañez
Providence Public Schools
797 Westminster Street,
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Letter of Support to Designate Funds from the Hinkling Bradford Trust to Providence Promise

Dear Dr. Montañez:

I write this letter of support asking Providence Public Schools to designate \$25,000 of funding from the Hinkling Bradford Trust to Providence Promise.

Providence Promise is a parent-driven partnership that supports the post-secondary aspirations of children attending schools in the Providence Public School District (PPSD). Best known for their initiative to have PPCD families open a College Savings Account (CSA) as a pathway to assist their children in financing their education beyond high school, Providence Promise offers a multi-faceted approach to address structural barriers to post-secondary education. Helping PPCD families overcome the most significant barriers that prevent them from saving and planning for college lies at the core of their mission.

Providence Promise's mission to ensure that PPCD students aspire to and may afford education beyond high school furthers the City of Providence's commitment to provide educational opportunities for all of our youth, from birth to the post-high school years. I respectfully ask that you designate \$25,000 from the Hinkling Bradford Trust to Providence Promise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brett P. Smiley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mayor Brett P. Smiley
City of Providence