

DATE: January 29, 2009

SUBJECT: 2008 High School Senior Opinion Survey

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Information

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The High School Senior Opinion Survey is conducted biennially to inquire about students' postsecondary intentions, determine the impact of various factors on students' postsecondary decision-making, and gauge students' awareness of the financial resources available to support postsecondary attendance. The 2008 Senior Opinion Survey was distributed in April 2008 and was completed by 2,723 graduating seniors from 28 Tennessee high schools. Staff will present an overview of salient findings, including a focus on inconsistencies between high school seniors' perceptions and plans and their actual post-graduation behavior.