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Press Statement

Sacramento, CA— Following the August 19, 2010 meeting of the Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board, California Student Aid Commission Chair Barry Keene issued this statement:

“The California Student Aid Commission (Commission) recommended to the Victim's Compensation and Government Claims Board (VCB) that it reject the claims submitted from EdFund executives for incentive compensation payments. On behalf of my fellow Commissioner's, we are appreciative of today's action by the VCB to deny those claims and uphold our decision.

The Commission acted within its lawful authority when it voted to deny discretionary incentive compensation to the EdFund executive management team. Expending state funds on bonuses during a severe economic downturn, while the state is struggling with a \$20 billion deficit, would have represented an irresponsible and imprudent use of state monies entrusted to the Commission's stewardship.

Given that every dollar misspent by EdFund represents money that could be utilized to assist college students through the Cal Grant Program, the Commission remains committed to ensuring that expenditures made by EdFund are appropriate.”

The California Student Aid Commission is the principal state agency responsible for administering financial aid programs for students attending public and private universities, colleges, and vocational schools in California. The Commission will distribute over \$1 billion to California's college students during the 2009-10 academic year through its Cal Grant, specialized and loan forgiveness programs. The Commission also administers financial aid awareness and outreach programs, such as Cal-SOAP and Cash for College, in collaboration with business, private industry and community-based organizations.

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