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FROM:

GOM 2020-16

TO: County and District Superintendents High School Principals High School Counselors

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SUBJECT: Opening of 2021-22 Cal Grant GPA Electronic Submission

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces the opening of the 2021-22 Electronic Grade Point Average (GPA) submission window.

GPAs for the class of 2021 can be electronically submitted beginning today **June 15, 2020**, and no later than October 1, 2020, as specified under Education Code 69432.9 (c)(2), unless the student has opted-out per Education Code 69432.9 (d)(1)(2). Please refer to GOM 2020-06 for additional information on the Opt-Out provision.

- Verify when your WebGrants access is set to expire and renew if needed. Please visit our WebGrants Access Request <u>webpage</u> for more information including access forms.
- Online webinar trainings on the GPA upload process will be available throughout the next few months. To register for a live webinar, please visit our Upcoming Webinars webpage.
- Students who are enrolled in summer school should not have their GPAs uploaded until <u>after</u> summer school grades have been posted, as these grades should be included in the GPA calculation.
- High schools are <u>no longer</u> able to submit GPAs with Social Security Numbers and must use the "Non-SSN GPA" method. Refer to <u>GSA 2018-23</u> for more information.
- For additional GPA submission information, including GPA calculation instructions, GPA Opt-Out forms and GPA upload tools, please visit our GPA Submission Information webpage.

Keep in mind, high school students have a 2-year window to qualify for a High School Entitlement Cal Grant – as seniors and 1 year after graduation. Therefore, it is a best practice to also submit GPAs for your 2020 graduates, given that some students would benefit from having their GPAs recalculated using grades earned during senior year.

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