SPECIAL ALERT

Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: High School Counselors
             High School Principals
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SUBJECT: 2017-18 Cal Grant Grade Point Average (GPA) Submission Reminder

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) reminds all California high schools to electronically submit grade 12 students' GPA data for the 2017-18 Cal Grant programs.

- All high schools are encouraged to upload GPAs to the Commission as soon as possible to line up with the earlier opening of the 2017-18 California Dream Act Application (CADAA) and Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

- As of November 23, 2016, the Commission has received over 38,700 Cal and Federal Institutional Student Information Report (ISIR) files for students who have completed the CADAA and FAFSA but are lacking GPA submissions from their high school.

- With the current GPAs that have been received, the Commission has offered 40,423 Cal Grant awards as of November 24, 2016

- As of November 23, 2016, only 38% of all California high schools have submitted their GPA Data.

  - 52% of public and charter high schools have submitted their current senior's GPA data.

  - 9% of private high schools have submitted their current senior's GPA data.

Submitting GPA data as soon as possible benefits your students as they will receive an early Cal Grant eligibility notification. This notification will allow students and parents time to efficiently plan for college and will allow counselors time to assist students with college decisions.

For more information regarding access to the WebGrants System and Training material, please refer to GOM 2016-31.

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