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Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **Final Year Reconciliation Date for 2016-17 Cal Grant and Middle Class Scholarship Programs**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides notification of the **September 14, 2017**, final year-end reconciliation date for the 2016-17 Cal Grant and Middle Class Scholarship (MCS) programs.

The Commission will be closing out the 2016-17 academic year in phases in order to open the 2018-19 FAFSA and California Dream Act Applications on October 1, 2017. The Grant Delivery System does not have the capacity to keep three concurrent academic years open for processing. Therefore, campuses must reconcile 2016-17 Cal Grant and MCS accounts by close of business on **September 14, 2017**.

Cal Grant and MCS award processing for the 2016-17 academic year will continue through June 30, 2017. Please take note of the changes below to prepare for the earlier reconciliation and opening of the 2018-19 processing year.

- No new Cal Grant or MCS awards will be offered for the 2016-17 academic year after June 30th and the weekly entitlement award cycle will end.
- MCS awards, Grant record changes (G21 forms), and student or institutional appeals received by June 30, 2017 will be processed.
- Cal Grant and MCS withdrawals will be accepted and processed through close of business on September 14, 2017.

Schools are encouraged to reconcile their payment rosters monthly to effectively complete final year-end reconciliation by September 14, 2017.

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