SPECIAL ALERT

Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators
           High School Counselors

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SUBJECT: **2017-18 California State Budget Update**

Governor Jerry Brown signed the Budget Act for 2017-18 on June 27, 2017. The California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces the following updates related to the 2017-18 State Budget and the Commission's programs:

Maintains:

- The number of paid Competitive Cal Grant Awards at **25,750**. Although, the Commission is authorized to make up to 35,000 Competitive Cal Grant Award *offers*.

- Maximum award for new Cal Grant recipients at non-profit and Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accredited for-profit institutions at **$9,084.**

- Maximum award for new Cal Grant recipients at for-profit non-WASC accredited institutions at **$4,000**.

- Students at WASC- accredited for-profit schools will still be eligible for the $9,084 award.

- Cal Grant C for students at eligible for-profit schools. These students will still receive up to $2,462 for Tuition and Fees and a $547 Books and Supplies Award.

- The overall budget for the California Student Opportunity and Access Program (Cal-SOAP) and Cash for College Program.

- The Middle Class Scholarship, which will be fully phased in, with the maximum award guaranteeing that 40% of an eligible UC or CSU student's mandatory system wide tuition and fees are covered by grant aid.

Increases:

- The Cal Grant B access award from $1,648 to **$1,672** through the College Access Tax Credit Fund.

- The Cal Grant C Access Award for students attending community colleges from $547 to **$1,094**.

- CSU mandatory system wide tuition and fees from $5,472 to **$5,742**.

- UC mandatory system wide tuition and fees from $12,294 to **$12,630**.

The Commission will update the rosters in about two weeks to reflect the new UC and CSU tuition and fees and Cal Grant B and C Access awards. Any students whose awards change from their initial award offers will be informed.

Grant Delivery System

- Provides approximately $550,000 to complete the planning phases of the Grant Delivery System Modernization project.

- More information on the Grant Delivery System Modernization project can be found at http://www.csac.ca.gov/gdsm_project.htm

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