SPECIAL ALERT

Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: County and District Superintendents
            High School Counselors

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SUBJECT: **2019-20 Race to Submit Leaderboard**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides an update to GSA 2018-41 regarding the statewide **Race to Submit** campaign that encourages students to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA) for the 2019-20 academic year.

Race to Submit Dashboard

The Race to Submit Online Dashboard Tool (Dashboard) tracks the number of FAFSAs and CADAAs completed by the senior class at the high school, district, county, and state level between October 1, 2018, and the March 2, 2019 Cal Grant deadline.

- For more details on the Dashboard, please refer to GSA 2018-41.

Race to Submit Leaderboard

- This year, the 2019-20 Race to Submit Leaderboard ranks schools based on their percentage of completed FAFSA/CADAAs and matching GPAs that are needed for Cal Grant award consideration.

- The Race to Submit will celebrate the schools and districts in each level with the top ranking of FAFSA and CADAA completion between October 1, 2018 and March 2, 2019.

- The Race to Submit Dashboard and Leaderboard use the California Department of Education's (CDE) certified October census senior enrollment data.

- Current enrollment numbers are from October 2017. The Commission anticipates receiving the October 2018 senior enrollment data from CDE in early February of 2019.

- View the Race to Submit Resource Guide for more information.

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