SPECIAL ALERT
Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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SUBJECT: Middle Class Scholarship Update

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides an update on the Middle Class Scholarship (MCS) program.

2019-20 Payments

• The current MCS budget allocation for the 2019-20 academic year was surpassed with last week’s payments. Beginning this week, MCS claim schedules will be on-hold pending an increase in budget allocation.

• Campuses impacted by these payment holds will be notified on a weekly basis.

2019-20 Reconciliation Process

• Institutions are reminded of the importance to continuously check for students in a re-certify status as part of their reconciliation process.

• Institutions can identify students that are in a re-certify status by checking the ‘Recertify only’ box on the ‘MCS Display Roster’ screen.

2020-21 Admission Files

• The Commission has sufficient historical data for the MCS program since its inception in the 2014-15 academic year and therefore, it will no longer be requesting admission files from campuses.

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