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RE: Unique Statewide Pupil Identifiers Progress Report

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The California State University (CSU) continues to support efforts to incorporate a unique student identifier, or similar person matching key, across the CSU, California Community Colleges, the University of California and other agencies involved in the planning and design process outlined in the California Cradle-to-Career (C2C) Data System Act (SB 75). Input from these segments and other stakeholders, as part of C2C workgroups in 2020-21 and subsequent discussions, have been provided to C2C staff. This will help inform that effort which focuses on improving student data linkages across education agencies in the state.

Should you have any questions about this report, please contact Nathan Dietrich, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Advocacy and State Relations at (916) 445-5983.

Sincerely,


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California State University Report on Unique Statewide Pupil Identifiers

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This document is the annual report responding to this legislative request.

Background

Adopting a unique Statewide Student Identifier (SSID) paves the way for longitudinally linked student-level data across the education segments for students who attended California public high schools. The ability to track students over time will prove an invaluable tool for assessing student progress in relation to academic preparation, participation in special programs as well as campus outreach efforts. In addition, the SSID will facilitate a more comprehensive assessment of graduation and retention rates as students move across segments as well as inform employment trends (for graduates and non-graduates alike). While in recent years the CSU has improved its collection of SSID from CSU applicants previously attending a California public high school, not all CSU applicants have, or correctly report, their SSID. In the absence of a truly intersegmental common identifier (or a reliable social security number available in the data sets of other segment partners) for all applicants, the CSU has relied on using a combination of student-specific variables common across the segments to uniquely identify and match records.

Progress in 2022-23 and Detailed Timeline for the Implementation, Maintenance and Use of the Unique Statewide Pupil Identifiers

The CSU remains committed to achieving and leveraging a common Statewide Student Identifier. The statewide P-20 longitudinal data system envisioned in the California Cradle-to-Career Data System Act (Senate Bill 75) acknowledges that a SSID, or similar person matching key, will be required in order to appropriately match students across education segments in the state. Those segments include the University of California, the CSU, California Community Colleges and K-12 institutions (California Department of Education - CDE).

Cradle-to-Career discussions during 2020 recognized that SSID would not fully achieve the goals of a single common identifier across segments. Cradle-to-Career discussions have instead prioritized a master person record approach as a key for matching data across agencies. CSU student data systems are ready to incorporate the SSID and/or a common identifier developed through California Cradle-to-Career Data System discussions. The CSU continues to participate in the ongoing efforts to achieve and use a SSID, master person record approach and/or any other common identifier developed through California Cradle-to-Career Data System discussions.