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RE: Unique Statewide Pupil Identifiers Progress Report

This report conveys the importance and status of the development of a unique statewide pupil identifier at California State University.

The California State University remains committed to developing a cost-effective and useful statewide data system. The effort to incorporate a unique student identifier across the California State University, California Community Colleges, the University of California and other agencies is currently being developed as part of the planning and design process outlined in the California Cradle-to-Career Data System Act (SB 75). Workgroups developed to provide input and recommendations under this effort have been meeting regularly to discuss requirements and best practices and work towards solutions for improving the student linkages across education agencies in the state.

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California State University Report on Unique Statewide Pupil Identifier

The following report is forwarded in compliance with Section 10803 of the Education Code, which states:

"10803. (a) The Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges, the University of California, and the California State University shall each establish a process by which colleges and universities within those systems issue, maintain, and report information using the unique statewide pupil identifiers specified in paragraph (3) of subdivision (e) of Section 60900.

(b) Annually, on or before April 1, the Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges, the University of California, and the California State University shall provide a progress report to the Governor and the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature. The report shall include a detailed timeline for the implementation, maintenance, and use of the unique statewide pupil identifiers pursuant to subdivision (a)."

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

Background

The move to adopt a unique Statewide Student Identifier (SSID) paves the way for longitudinally-linked student-level data across the education segments. The ability for the California State University (CSU) to more accurately 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 and employment trends (for graduates and non-graduates alike). In the absence of a common identifier (or a reliable social security number available in the datasets of other segment partners) the CSU has relied on the use of a combination of student specific variables common across the segments to uniquely identify and match records.

Progress in 2019-20 and Detailed Timeline for the Implementation, Maintenance, and Use of the Unique Statewide Pupil Identifiers

The CSU remains committed and interested in achieving a common SSID. The statewide P-20 longitudinal data system envisioned in the California Cradle-to-Career Data System Act (Senate Bill 75) acknowledges that an SSID will be required in order to appropriately match students across education segments in the state, including the University of California, the CSU, California Community Colleges and K-12 institutions (California Department of Education - CDE). CSU student data systems are ready to incorporate the SSID and/or a common identifier developed through California Cradle-to-Career Data System discussions. CSU is actively involved in the workgroups responsible for the design and planning of this data system and the development of a unique identifier is within the scope of this work. Working with CDE, we were able to match segmental data with CDE student data. We

continue to be a willing participant in the ongoing efforts to achieve and use a SSID) and/or a common identifier developed through California Cradle-to-Career Data System discussions.