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## **RE: Unique Statewide Pupil Identifiers Progress Report**

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The California State University continues to support efforts to incorporate a unique student identifier, or similar person matching key, across the system, California Community Colleges, the University of California and other agencies currently being developed as part of the planning and design process outlined in the California Cradle-to-Career Data System Act (SB 75). Work groups 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 educational agencies in the state.

Should you have any questions about this report, please contact Nichole Muñoz-Murillo, assistant vice chancellor, Advocacy and State Relations, at (916) 445-5983.

Sincerely,

  
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## California State University Report on Unique Statewide Pupil Identifier

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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 attend 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 and 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). While The California State University (CSU) has improved its collection of SSID in recent years from CSU applicants previously attending a California public high school, not all CSU applicants have or correctly reported 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 2020-21 and Detailed Timeline for the Implementation, Maintenance and Use of the Unique Statewide Pupil Identifiers**

The CSU remains committed to 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 a SSID, or similar person matching key, will be required in order to match students appropriately across education segments in the state, including the University of California, CSU, California Community Colleges, K-12 institutions and the 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. These 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 is actively involved in the work groups 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 the CDE, the CSU was able to match segmental data with CDE student data. The CSU continues to be a willing participant 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.