



# California Community Colleges

## MEMORANDUM

July 3, 2019

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TO: Chief Executive Officers  
Chief Student Services Officers  
Chief Business Officers  
Financial Aid Officers

FROM: Rhonda Mohr  
Vice Chancellor of Educational Services and Support

RE: 2019-20 California College Promise, Advance Allocations and attachments

### **SYNOPSIS**

The 2019-20 state budget contains \$85.1 million to fund the California College Promise, now expanded to provide funding to waive student fees for first-time, full-time students in their first and second years.

Each district allocation was calculated using college by college data. Funding appropriated in excess of the amount to waive fees for first-time, full-time students has been distributed based ninety percent on the number of students at a college who satisfy the requirements to receive the federal Pell Grant and ten percent on the number of full-time equivalent students.

### **2019-20 COLLEGE PROMISE REALLOCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

In the 2018-19 year, College Promise funding was allocated assuming that all districts would participate. After the initial allocation, funding was recalled from districts not participating in the federal loan program.

In 2019-20, funds were distributed only to districts that met program participation requirements. The Chancellor's Office was contacted prior to the 2019-20 advance apportionment by six districts indicating they would participate in the federal loan program as required for participation in CEC 76396.2(e) and, hence, received a 2019-20 College Promise allocation. Remaining funding was allocated to the other participating districts.

Consistent with program policy, requested and necessary reallocation requests might be made by adjustments in P-2, contingent on whether any districts de-obligate College Promise funding. If a district de-obligates College Promise funds, the funds are reallocated using the funding formula (fair share).

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### **2019-20 COLLEGE PROMISE FUNDING**

As a reminder, there is no rollover approval for the 2019-20 College Promise funding.

### **2018-19 MIS REPORTING**

This is a reminder that 2018-19 MIS FA data is due October 1, 2019. Every college/district should have at least submitted their initial valid SFA program data file by this deadline. In addition, we have established a “drop dead date” for SFA program data reconciliation/re-submissions and corrections of November 30, 2019 and as a result, colleges must reconcile all SFA program data by that date or risk adverse consequences for 2020-21 funding.

FA data quality control is the FA program management’s responsibility and it is crucial for all colleges to remember that BFAP-SFAA administrative funding is derived directly from data reported to MIS and therefore has a direct impact on your funding. In addition, FA data also has a direct and demonstrable effect on VATEA funding and other programs.

There are **new MIS values for SF21**, which include **BP** for California College Promise Fee Waivers and **GX** for other California College Promise direct assistance.

### **2018-19 COLLEGE PROMISE REPORTING, REALLOCATION & FINAL RECONCILIATION**

Finally, as a general reminder, money allocated in a fiscal year is intended to be utilized in that fiscal year. Absent any carry-over authority from the Chancellor’s Office, colleges are expected to manage their allocations carefully to ensure full utilization of their allocation in the fiscal year.

Please note, the Chancellor’s Office has transitioned to a new web site and we will not be posting allocations, memos, or other information as we have done in the past. Please be sure to download and save this information.

Please direct questions regarding this memo or California College Promise allocations to SFA Program staff:

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Enclosures:

1. 2019-20 College Promise Advance Allocations
2. 2019-20 College Promise Allocation Formula
3. 2019 Budget Act Provisional Language on College Promise
4. College Promise Q and A

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