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Subject: Dual Enrollment Program Update and Anticipated Regulatory Revisions

Dear Colleague:

As you may be aware, House Bill 444 has passed the Senate and awaits action in the House. The bill would change numerous provisions of the state-funded Dual Enrollment program. If adopted, the bill would be implemented for Summer term 2020. However, please note that actual program requirements for next year have not been finalized. Final program rules are subject to the final passage and adoption of a bill and approval of regulations by the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) Board of Commissioners.

As the bill progresses, GSFC will post updates regarding anticipated changes on GAfutures as they are available. The official program regulations for the 2020-2021 academic year (FY 2021) will be announced through a Dear Colleague Letter and posted on GAfutures and GSFC.georgia.gov as they are each year.

GSFC has drafted and posted a Frequently Asked Questions document to help you and the students and families you serve with understanding the potential changes. The FAQs will be updated as the bill changes or once adopted. Dual Enrollment funding Program FAQs of anticipated changes is now available.

Dual Enrollment Application for the 2020-2021 year

In early 2019, GSFC announced the Dual Enrollment Application project to overhaul and enhance the online application. A tremendous amount of work has been done to develop a new online funding application for students, high schools and postsecondary institutions. As the development is finalized, the anticipated programmatic changes and their impact on the process are being considered. The initial release date is targeted for mid-March with updates to follow. DCL ID: 2020-07 Page **2** of **2** February 5, 2020

Dual Enrollment Program Trainings

In addition to the Fall 2019 Dual Enrollment funding application trainings, GSFC has scheduled two Spring training days for high school and postsecondary institution professionals working with the Dual Enrollment funding Program. The training will include the latest developments of the new online application, procedures, and anticipated changes to the program eligibility and regulations.

Dual Enrollment Program Training Days

Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at Mercer University, Macon Campus Thursday, March 19, 2020 at Mercer University, Atlanta Campus

The detailed training information and registration link will be emailed to high school and postsecondary professionals by February 11, 2020.

Please contact Pennie Strong, Vice President of Program Administration, with any questions at 770-724-9014 or via email at <u>pennies@gsfc.org</u> or <u>dualenrollment@gsfc.org</u>. We appreciate your continued partnership in administering the HOPE and Dual Enrollment Programs.

Sincerely,

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