OPERATIONS MEMO

Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **2017-18 Cal Grant March 2 Competitive Award Processing Update**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides an update on the processing of the 2017-18 Cal Grant March 2 Competitive awards.

- **194,076** financially eligible applicants were considered for the 12,875 March 2 Competitive awards.

- Applicants with a score of **647** or above were offered a Competitive Cal Grant.

- The scoring matrix for the 2017-18 award year had a maximum possible applicant score of 1000 points. The current scoring matrix is available on the Commission's website.

- Competitive Cal Grant offered awardees have been notified by e-mail and are advised to use WebGrants4Students.org for further information regarding their Cal Grant status.

Cal Grant Awardee Details

- Utilize the *Award Status Extract* process to identify Cal Grant eligible students who are attending your campus.

- Beginning in May, claim Cal Grant eligible students who are attending your campus by submitting a *School Change* upload file.

- View a breakdown of your students' Cal Grant scores by selecting the "Score Detail" button on the *Student Award Detail* screen on WebGrants.

- Additional communications will be sent to eligible students to remind them of their Cal Grant award and steps to take to receive a payment.

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