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Memorandum

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To: Texas Public Community, Technical, and State College Presidents, Liaisons, Chief Instructional Officers, Registrars
Texas Public University Presidents, Chief Academic Officers, Registrars

From: Julie Eklund

Re: Webinar on HB 2550 Implementation and First College-Level Course Guidelines

On Wednesday, **February 5, 2014, from 10:00 to 11:30 AM Central Time**, Coordinating Board (CB) staff will present a webinar on two topics of interest explained below. The purpose of the webinar is to provide information and get feedback from institutional leadership and other stakeholders.

To access the WebEx webinar, please use the following link to view the visual portion of the program: https://thecb.webex.com/thecb/onstage/g.php?t=a&d=668001295. For the audio, dial +1-415-655-0003 and enter Access code: 668 001 295. **You will be able to enter the webinar beginning at 9:45 AM.**

10:00 AM to 10:30 AM: HB 2550, Consolidation of Higher Education Assistance Programs

HB 2550, 83rd Legislature (TEC §51.810), consolidates the Higher Education Enrollment Assistance Program and the Higher Education Assistance Plan and transfers certain enrollment assistance responsibilities from the CB to institutions of higher education. The purpose of the bill is to increase college going at high schools that are substantially below the state average in number of graduates who enroll in higher education (as identified by the CB). In addition to providing a list of the identified schools, the CB is responsible for providing a progress report on the results of institutions' plans in its annual Closing the Gaps progress report. This webinar will present the Coordinating Board's proposal for meeting its legislative requirements.

10:30 AM to 11:30 AM: First College-Level Course Guidelines

In this part of the webinar, we will present a set of proposed guidelines that were developed at the request of public higher education institutions. The guidelines are for institutions to use in reporting successful completion of a first college-level course in reading, writing, and math. First college-level course completion is one of the developmental education measures in the state Accountability System for two-year public colleges and public universities; for community colleges, first

college-level course completion is also included in the calculation of success points. The voluntary guidelines, which will provide assistance in identifying first college-level courses for the purposes above, are the result of a collaborative effort between Coordinating Board Staff and a large stakeholder group.

Although we expect to have enough capacity for all interested parties to participate in the webinar, we have a limit of 500 connections; if possible, please limit participation to three connections per campus, whether the connections are for individuals or groups. The session will be recorded and posted online after the event for those who are unable to attend. Materials for the webinar will be posted on the Texas Higher Education Data website next week at www.txhighereddata.org. Look under "Latest News" on the left side of the page.

The WebEx software allows participants to enter comments and questions during the webinar. If you have questions or comments prior to or following the webinar, please contact Jana Cossairt at (512) 427-6546 or jana.cossairt@thecb.state.tx.us. If you have questions about accessing the webinar during the presentation, please contact Sue Sutton at (512) 427-6132 or sue.sutton@thecb.state.tx.us.

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