

AGENDA ITEM III-B

Report on the Fall 2004 Preliminary Enrollment

RECOMMENDATION: No action required

Goals: Participation
The report provides information on how movement toward the overall participation goal is progressing.

Background Information:

Information about enrollment trends is fundamental to higher education planning, and even more critical in times of limited resources and growing numbers of students. In addition to informing the Board on how the state is progressing toward the participation targets set in *Closing the Gaps*, preliminary enrollment data provides insight into the impact of recent legislative action and economic conditions on student decisions to enroll in higher education.

Each fall, institutions submit preliminary enrollment data to the Coordinating Board based on the 12th class day enrollment. These are preliminary data and usually drop by about 6 percent statewide by the time the data is certified by the institutions in the spring.

David Gardner, Assistant Commissioner for Planning and Information Resources, will present a report on preliminary fall 2004 enrollments.