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TO: Directors of Financial Aid
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RE: Guidance for FY 2016 Financial Aid Database (FAD) Report

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) has received significant feedback from institutions and software vendors regarding the problems they are having providing data for the new element 21b (9-month Cost of Attendance) that was added to the FY 2016 FAD report. Due to unforeseen challenges, THECB will allow institutions that are unable to pull a 9-month Cost of Attendance for a student to enter six zeros "000000" in data element 21b without an error message.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Financial Aid Services at 1-844-792-2640 or email FADB@theccb.state.tx.us.

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