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TO: Chief Student Services Officers  
Chief Instructional Officers  
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Student Success and Support Program Coordinators

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SUBJECT: 2015-16 Credit Student Success and Support Program (SSSP) Allocations

**2015-16 SSSP Funding:** The 2015-16 State Budget increased funding for SSSP by \$100 million, bringing the program's funding available for allocation to colleges for Credit SSSP to a little over \$266 million. After a careful review of the submitted Management Information Systems (MIS) data, the 2015-16 allocation was based on the new service-based funding formula, with the addition of an 80% protection of the allocation colleges would have received through the old formula (using the new dollars). The Chancellor's Office feels this protection is warranted considering the difficulties of tracking and submitting SSSP service data during this first year of required MIS reporting.

**Allowable Use of Credit SSSP Funds:** SSSP funds are for the sole purpose of providing the core services of orientation; assessment; counseling, advising, and other education planning services; and follow-up interventions for at risk students (as defined in § 55525). SSSP funds are provided to supplement district expenditures for student support and may not supplant or take the place of other resources. Please refer to the [SSSP Handbook](#) for the title 5 regulations and Funding Guidelines, which include definitions and specific guidance on allowable and prohibited expenditures.

**Match Requirements:** Due to the increase in funding for 2015-16, the match requirement has been lowered. Colleges are required to spend 1.3 dollars of district funds for every one dollar of 2015-16 Credit SSSP funds. Please note that any 2014-15 carryover funds must be matched at the 2014-15 required match of 2:1.

**Carryover of Funds:** The Chancellor's Office has authorized the carryover of 2015-16 funds through Dec 31, 2016.

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