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PRESS RELEASE

Dream Act of California

The California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) and the California Department of Education (CDE) understand, that, in light of recent events, there could be confusion regarding the California Dream Act program, which allows certain undocumented and out-of-state students (“Dreams”) to receive state financial aid while attending colleges in California. The California Dream Act is a state law, separate and distinct from the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

Regardless, of what happens at the federal level, state financial aid for Dreamers remains legal in California. A Dreamer student does not need to be DACA-certified to be eligible for a public education or state financial aid. Losing DACA status will not affect most state financial aid.

Should you have any questions, please contact the GHS Counseling Department at 209-745-3081 ext. 2016 or Dr. Jocelyn Chavez at 745-3081 ext. 2024.

More information is available on the California Dream Act, please contact the California Student Aid Commission by phone at 916-464-8271 or submit the California Dream Act application on line at www.caldreamact.org.