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**TO: Presidents and Chancellors  
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**FROM: Harrison Keller, Ph.D.  
Commissioner of Higher Education**

**SUBJECT: Student Tracker Premium Data Services from the  
National Student Clearinghouse**

Today I am pleased to announce that the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has retained Student Tracker Premium data services from the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) for summer 2020 through summer 2022. As an enhancement to our rich existing state data resources, these student-level data and tools will enable Texas institutions and agencies to better analyze and understand the student educational pipeline from K12 schools into and through postsecondary education.

The Coordinating Board's retention of NSC premium data services will benefit educational efforts across Texas by:

- Enabling public institutions of higher education in Texas that already purchase NSC student tracker services to upgrade to premium services, at no charge, for summer 2020 through summer 2022.
- Providing access to custom reports and visualizations of data as well as timely updates to enrollment and completion data.
- Providing additional de-identified data to the state's three Education Research Centers.
- Assisting the Texas Education Agency in analyzing data for high school graduates who leave the state to pursue higher education.

The Coordinating Board is committed to making data more accessible and useful to inform and support planning and operations in Texas higher education institutions and systems, accelerate the pace of educational innovation, and better inform Texas students and their families about educational and career opportunities.

I want to thank the Texas Legislature for appropriating funds to enable the Coordinating Board to enhance resources for Texas institutions to access actionable, real-time data to better monitor student persistence and graduation rates. This data is especially valuable now, to help us understand and mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 public health crisis on students' progress toward achieving high-value postsecondary credentials.

Additional information will be forthcoming from Assistant Commissioner of Strategic Planning Julie Eklund.

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