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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

2017 Wisconsin Act 91 was signed by the Governor on November 30, 2017. This change to TES will allow TES students to receive their scholarship if they are able to enroll for 6 credits or more per semester. The scholar must still maintain at least a 3.0 grade point average or the equivalent as determined by the district school and make satisfactory academic progress toward an associate degree, bachelor degree, or a vocational diploma as certified by the district school. This change also allows the student to regain the scholarship if they bring their grade point average up to a 3.0 and are making satisfactory academic progress. If you have questions concerning eligibility please contact Nancy Wilkison at nancy.wilkison@wi.gov or 608-267-2213.

VOUCHER REQUESTS

Requests for second semester are being processed – please make sure to indicate the correct semester on your requests for funds.

REFUNDS

ALL REFUND LISTS MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY TO THE HEAB

MAILBOX. If you have refunds please submit them (electronically) so we can get the money redistributed. Some schools have been sending in checks without lists and this slows down the process, especially if the student is not enrolled at that school.

Covenant Grant Program

Please review your 17-18 notification lists to make sure that you have added the Covenant grant to eligible students' financial aid packages. Please check any transfer students that may be eligible.

NOTIFICATION LIST 17 - 18

Distributed Wednesday afternoons: December 6, 13, and 20.

January 10, 17, and 24.

AES/TES LIST

December 7, 14, and 21. January 11, 18, and 25.

VOUCHER PROCESSING

Tuesdays and Fridays for files uploaded by noon December 1,5, 8, 12, 15, 19, and 22. January 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, and 30.

Vouchers will not be processed on Dec 26, 29, or January 2, 2018.

Please check our Webpage for current Notification List and Voucher Processing Schedules. http://www.heab.wi.gov/finaid.html

NOTIFICATION LIST 18 - 19

The 18-19 notification list will be distributed on Thursday afternoons beginning – January 18, and January 25.

<u>GRANTS UPDATE</u> 17-18 COMMITTED AND SPENT as of 12/5/17

	<u>Current</u>	This Time <u>Last Year</u>
Wisconsin Grant – Private, non-profit (W codes 8/30/17)		
Committed	165.43%	156.14%
Spent	45.70%	44.37%
Wisconsin Grant - Tribal		
Committed	172.08%	192.96%
Spent	46.97 %	60.73%
<u>Wisconsin Grant – UW</u>		
Committed	137.45%	132.71%
Spent	50.79%	52.87%
Wisconsin Grant – Technical (W codes 7/20/17)		
Committed	180.23%	170.05%
Spent	51.32%	52.73%

UPCOMING EVENTS

Scheduled HEAB Board Meetings: February 23, 2018, April 27, 2018, and July 27, 2018.

HEAB Training Dates: January 18, March 15.

HEAB conducts one-day training programs for new and continuing financial aid administrators. The training session covers all aspects of the programs administered by HEAB, including:

Goals of State Aid; *Eligibility for State Aid*; The Notification List; *The Voucher Process;* Return of State Funds; *Submitting and Receiving Data to/from HEAB*; Overviews of the Individual HEAB Programs

The program begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends no later than 3:00 p.m. It is held at the HEAB offices at 131 W. Wilson St, Suite 902, Madison, WI. We have room for up to 6 people at each session. Please let us know if you are coming to training as materials are printed based on the number of people attending. To register for a session or for more information, please contact Nancy Wilkison at (608) 267-2213 or email her at <u>nancy.wilkison@wi.gov</u>.

Please contact me by phone at (608) 264-6181 or by email at <u>john.reinemann@wisconsin.gov</u> if you have any questions, concerns or comments. Thank you!