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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 20, 2020

TO: Institutional Research IT Contacts

FROM: Parris Jackson, Director of Information Technology 

SUBJECT: MHEC's Final Year of IPEDS Reporting

Since the mid-1990s, the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) has eased the institutional reporting burden by uploading the following Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) survey components on behalf of Maryland colleges and universities.

- Completions (C)
- Graduation Rates (GRS, GRS200)
- Human Resources (HR)
- Fall Enrollment (EF)

Over time, the demands of federal and state reporting have increased requiring a greater level of programmatic management. It has become evident that institutions require flexibility in adapting to evolving data definitions and reporting parameters imposed by IPEDS. MHEC IT resources are no longer commensurate with the data collection demands imposed by IPEDS and therefore, continued support for institutions can no longer be sustained. This memo is to announce that the 2020-21 collection year will be the final year that MHEC will report survey components to IPEDS on behalf of colleges and universities. GRS and GRS200 reporting for this year has already been turned over to institutions. Starting with the 2021-22 collection year, institutions will be responsible for reporting their own IPEDS surveys. Several colleges already perform their own submissions. Institutions are encouraged to begin preparing for this transition now. The IPEDS helpdesk, [ipedshelp@rti.org](mailto:ipedshelp@rti.org) (877) 225-2568 is a helpful resource. MHEC can also be a resource to respond to questions.

The objective of reporting on behalf of institutions has been to ensure consistent data between federal and state submissions. While not all inconsistencies can be avoided, the expectation of quality and consistent data, when population definitions are shared at both the federal and state levels, should remain the goal. It will be incumbent upon each institution to report synonymous state unit-record and aggregate data, where applicable, and federal aggregate data. For future MHEC research reporting, footnotes will be added, as appropriate, that indicate data reported at the state-level may or may not align with IPEDS and reflects what the institution reported to us.

If you have questions or concerns about this announcement, please contact me directly at [parris.jackson@maryland.gov](mailto:parris.jackson@maryland.gov).