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## **Dear HEOP Directors:**

Please know that SED is aware that COVID-19 is disproportionately impacting our students, their families, and communities and that we have only begun to understand its many consequences on matters such as education and student success. As such, we wanted to share that SED is committed to providing flexibility on the HEOP RFP requirements related to the student recruitment (i.e., FTEs) as well as the graduation and retention rate benchmarks.

SED has plans to provide more specifics on that flexibility when more details and data become available to guide those decisions. Furthermore, SED will seek HEOPPO's inpsions: