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July 26, 2004

Dr. Brad C. Phillips
California Partnership for Achieving Student Success
8800 Grossmont College Drive
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Dear Dr. Phillips:

The California State University is committed to collaborative efforts among its partners in education. The California Partnership for Achieving Student Success (Cal-PASS) represents a special collaboration between K-12, the community colleges, and four-year colleges by building regional data sharing consortiums to advance student transition and academic success. By collecting, analyzing, and sharing student data, Cal-PASS can help the California State University to track student academic performance and to improve student academic success from elementary school through higher education. Because Cal-PASS can provide valuable information about the academic preparation of students who matriculate to the CSU, we support Cal-PASS and will encourage our campuses to support this effort by executing a memorandum of understanding for the California State University.

Our partnership with Cal-PASS will help the California State University to analyze student academic preparation and transition from high school to community colleges and transfer from the community colleges to CSU campuses. This will enable us to analyze student transition in a way that was not possible before. The outcome of this unique collaboration may help to inform policy discussions about ways to improve student access and academic success in the California State University.

We applaud the efforts of Cal-PASS has made and look forward to contributing to its continued success.

Sincerely,

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Executive Vice Chancellor
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