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Subject: Assembly Bill 104 Grade Change Guidelines

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Assembly Bill 104 (included in <u>Senate Bill 130</u>) adds the following Section to the Education Code which assists students who may have struggled academically during the pandemic-impacted 2020-2021 school year.

Education Code Section 49066.5 Pertaining to grading requirements for students enrolled in high school in the 2020-21 academic year states that Fontana USD is required to grant a request from the parent/guardian of a pupil who was enrolled in high school during the 2020-21 academic year (or the pupil, if 18 years of age or older) to have a letter grade earned for any course, as reflected on the pupil's transcript, changed to a Pass or No Pass grade. The number or type of courses eligible for the grade change cannot be limited.

The law requires the California State University to accept for admission purposes, without prejudice, a transcript with a Pass or No Pass grade instead of a letter grade (pursuant to the provisions of this bill) for an applicant who had enrolled in a California high school during any school year from the 2020-21 school year to the 2023-24 school year, inclusive.

Specific highlights of the requirements/process include:

- Any students enrolled in high school in 2020-21
- Must apply to replace deficient grades
- No limit on the number or type of courses for which grades are replaced
- · Replacement grades must not negatively affect a student's GPA
- CSU must accept P/NP for graduates 2020-21 through 2023-24 w/o prejudice, highly encouraged for UC/private institutions
 - o Grade Change Request Application
 - List of colleges who will accept Pass/NoPass grades w/o prejudice
 - Students have 15 days to submit the application, Fontana
 USD <u>cannot</u> accept applications after the 15 days September 15, 2021.
- Schools have 15 days from receipt of application to update transcripts

Grade change requests should be submitted directly to the high school sites.

Sincerely,

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