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TO: Presidents and Chancellors
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FROM: Harrison Keller, Ph.D. 
Commissioner of Higher Education

SUBJECT: \$46.5 Million in GEER funding for Emergency Student Aid

As you know, Governor Abbott and legislative leadership recently announced that \$175 million in federal Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) funds will be used to support Texas higher education during the coronavirus pandemic.

I am pleased to share the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has received \$46.5 million of these funds to provide emergency educational grants to Texas students. We intend to disburse these funds through the existing state grant financial aid infrastructure. The intent is to enable you to provide financial assistance quickly to pandemic-impacted undergraduate students and support them in remaining enrolled at your institutions and on track to attaining their postsecondary credentials.

We are finalizing details regarding the allocation methodology and program distribution requirements. We will share more information about these issues and other frequently asked questions directly to institutional financial aid officers as soon as it is available.

I deeply appreciate Governor Abbott and the legislative leadership for investing in Texas higher education and working in partnership with our institutions to accelerate the Texas recovery.

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