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Dear Colleagues,

Our thoughts are with the students, families, and communities impacted by the recent storms and flooding in Washington.

During this challenging time, we want to remind you of the flexibilities available to support students in federally declared disaster areas:

1. [Dear Colleague Letter GEN-17-08](#) remains in effect. This guidance outlines federal regulatory relief provisions, including—but not limited to—the following:
  - Flexibility in making Federal Work-Study (FWS) payments to students who are unable to fulfill their work obligations due to the disaster;
  - Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) flexibility for students whose academic progress was affected by the disaster;
  - Student loan borrowers who are in an in-school status will remain in that status until the student is reported as withdrawn due to the disaster.Additional provisions are included in the guidance. Contact [CaseTeams@ed.gov](mailto:CaseTeams@ed.gov) with any specific questions.
2. Under the FAFSA Simplification Act, emergency aid provided to students for unexpected expenses related to Cost of Attendance components is excluded from “Other Financial Assistance.” This exclusion also applies to state grant awards.
3. For Passport students, assistance may be available for those impacted by flooding. Passport Designated Support Staff are available at your institution to help address questions and provide support.
4. For student loan borrowers, additional information and an FAQ is included with this email. Please feel free to share as appropriate.

If you have any questions regarding state aid, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Take care,



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