COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
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DISCUSSION ITEM B: <u>**Indiana College Access Challenge Grant Update**</u>

Staff Recommendation   For discussion only.

Background   Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, the national College Access Challenge Grant (CACG) program is designed to foster partnerships among federal, state, and local governments and philanthropic organizations through matching grants that are aimed at increasing the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education.

Led by the state's Learn More Indiana initiative, Indiana's CACG strategy features a unique collaboration that leverages the efforts and resources of state and local partners to better serve low-income and first-generation college students, with a special emphasis on the state's Twenty-first Century Scholars.

Indiana's approach promotes a comprehensive, tiered-support model based on the following design:

<u>**On-the-Ground Support**</u>
Students served: Twenty-first Century Scholar students
Description: Under the management of existing mentoring organizations, trained adult mentors will provide Scholars with ongoing guidance and support through high school graduation and into the students' chosen path of postsecondary education.

<u>**Online Support**</u>
Students served: All students enrolled at participating high schools.
Description: Schools will be provided one of two online college and career readiness support platforms: Naviance (www.naviance.com) or Navigation 101 (www.navigation101.com).

<u>**Communication Campaign Support**</u>
Students served: All Indiana high school students (statewide).
Description: Schools will receive the benefits of three annual communications campaigns and related resources promoting college access and success for their students (i.e. College GO! Week, Cash for College, KnowHow2GoIndiana).

Supporting Documents   *To be distributed.*