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Dear International School Partner:

This year the U.S Department of Education (ED) is hosting its annual Federal Student Aid Training Conference at the Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, Georgia, from Tuesday, November 29 - Friday, Dec. 2, 2016.

The conference provides the forum for ED to share with the financial aid community the most up-to-date information on the Title IV Federal Student Aid (FSA) programs. There will be interest sessions covering a wide range of topics from the implementation of programmatic requirements to technologies associated with our information systems. The FSA Training Conference will include more than 60 sessions scheduled across four days. More information about the conference and the planned sessions may be found at the link below.

We are pleased to announce we are again offering the Foreign School Track consisting of 12 sessions specifically designed for our international school partners. The First Foreign School Track session, *Orientation to the FSA Training Conference*, will be on Tuesday, November 29, 2016, at 7:30 AM. The session will provide an overview of ED and the Multi-Regional and Foreign Schools Team, and provide information on what will be covered during the other Foreign School Track sessions.

In addition to the *Orientation to the FSA Training Conference* session, the Foreign School Track consists of the following sessions designed to comprehensively address successful foreign school administration of the Title IV programs: *Navigating IFAP and Completing the Electronic Application; Student Eligibility, SAP and R2T4; Direct Loans and the COD System; Awarding Direct Loans; Cost of Attendance; Professional Judgement; Cash Management Overview and Q&A on Citizen and Eligible Noncitizens; Title IV Reconciliation; Foreign School Potpourri; Internships/Externships and Written Arrangements; Foreign Schools Update and Q&A with Senior Department Staff.*

There will be *Ask-a-Fed for Foreign Schools* and Foreign Schools' team staff will be available to answer questions and provide guidance individually to conference attendees.

Printed conference materials and handouts will not be provided on-site at the conference. The materials will be posted on our conference website, and we ask that you print or download to your mobile device any documents you would like to access during the conference.

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Information about the conference and the registration process is posted on the FSA Training Conference website at <http://fsaconferences.ed.gov/>. There is no registration fee for this conference; however, attendees are responsible for their lodging, meals and travel expenses.

We look forward to seeing and visiting with you at the conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael J. Frola". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Michael J. Frola, Director  
Multi-Regional and Foreign Schools Participation Division

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