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Dear International School Partner:

This year the U.S Department of Education (the Department) is hosting its annual Federal Student Aid Training Conference at the Swan and Dolphin Hotel in Orlando, Florida from Tuesday, November 28 - Friday, Dec. 1, 2017. **PLEASE NOTE:** On Monday, November 27, the Department will host a Foreign Schools Preconference Day from 8:30 A.M. (Eastern Time) – 5:00 P.M. (Eastern Time).

The conference provides the forum for the Department 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 nine sessions specifically designed for our international school partners. The First Foreign School Track session, *Orientation to the FSA Training Conference, Postsecondary Institution Data-Security Overview, and Requirements*, will be on Monday, November 27, 2017, at 8:30 A.M. The session will provide information on ED and the Multi-Regional and Foreign Schools Participation Division, and an overview of data security and reporting requirements.

In addition to the *Orientation to the FSA Training Conference, Postsecondary Institution Data-Security Overview, and Requirements* session, the Foreign School Track consists of the following sessions designed to comprehensively address successful foreign school administration of the Title IV programs: *COD Hands-On, NSLDS® Hands-On, Integrated Partner Management (IPM) – Overview for Foreign Schools Hands-On, Title IV Reconciliation, Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) and Return of Title IV (R2T4) Funds, The Top Compliance Audit Findings and How to Avoid Repeat Findings, Student Eligibility Requirements, 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, reading "Michael J. Frola". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "M" and "F".

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