Subject: URGENT: Update Your FAFSA Account

Dear [First name],

We have changed the way you log in to the FAFSA®!

Our records indicate that you may not have created an FSA ID. In order to sign and submit the FAFSA® this year, you will need an FSA ID, a username and password that's more secure than the Federal Student Aid PIN (which can no longer be used).

The FAFSA will be available January 1, 2016. To avoid delays in processing your FAFSA, you should create an FSA ID now. **Do not wait** until the FAFSA becomes available in January.

[Create Your FSA ID Now](#)

Your parent will need to create an FSA ID as well. Because the FSA ID serves as a legal signature, you and your parent cannot share an FSA ID. And remember, you should protect your username and password the same way you protect your Social Security number.

For security reasons, **you and your parent cannot use the same e-mail address when creating FSA IDs**.

You will be able to use your FSA ID immediately to sign your FAFSA.

Note: When filling out the FAFSA, you will make a "Save Key" that allows you and your parent to work on the same application without using each other's FSA IDs.

For more information about the FSA ID, visit StudentAid.gov/fsaid.

Sincerely,

Federal Student Aid

Subject: Important Info About Your Child's FAFSA

Hello,

We have changed the way parents sign the FAFSA® !

Earlier this year, your child submitted a 2015–16 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®). If your child will be submitting a FAFSA for the 2016–17 school year after January 1, you will need to create an FSA ID—a username and password—in order to sign your child's FAFSA. The FSA ID has replaced the Federal Student Aid PIN.

Our records indicate that you may not have yet created an FSA ID. To avoid delays in processing your child's FAFSA, you should create an FSA ID now. **Do not wait** until the FAFSA becomes available in January.

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Your child will also need to create his or her own FSA ID. Because the FSA ID serves as a legal signature, you and your child cannot share an FSA ID, and you are not permitted to create an FSA ID for your child. Doing so could cause problems with his or her financial aid.

For security reasons, **you and your child cannot use the same e-mail address when creating FSA IDs**.

You will be able to use your FSA ID immediately to sign your child's FAFSA.

Note: When filling out the FAFSA, you will make a "Save Key" that allows you and your child to work on the same application without using each other's FSA IDs.

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