

California Student Aid Commission  
Data, Research and Strategic Planning Committee

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## Item 6

### (Information Item)

#### Update on FAFSA and CADAA submissions

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**SUMMARY:**

The most recent and current Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and California Dream Act Application (CADAA) submission cycle began on October 1, 2020 for the 2021-22 academic year. While data show FAFSA submissions ahead of last year's cycle, submissions for first-time freshmen are well down over prior years, offset by large increases in submissions by junior and senior undergraduate students and graduate student filers. CADAA submissions are running well below prior years' levels.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This is an information item; no action is required.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Data, Analysis and Research Team (DART) has created a web based FAFSA/CADAA Dashboard that includes significant enhancements to our reporting on FAFSA/CADAA submissions, including any number of new data crosstabs and historical trend visualizations. Staff will provide an update to current trends in FAFSA and CADAA submissions.

**RESPONSIBLE PERSON(S):**

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**ATTACHMENT(S):**

<https://public.tableau.com/views/AllApplications/TotalApplications>

FAFSA and CADAA Submissions Presentation presented on March 10, 2021