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EDUCATION COURSE INVENTORY (CATALOG) APPROVED THROUGH PESC AS EDUCATION COMMUNITY DATA STANDARD

Washington, D.C. The Board of Directors of PESC is pleased to announce the release of an Education Course Inventory (Catalog) Standard approved through PESC’s development, approval & maintenance process. Now PESC approved, the Education Course Inventory Standard is expected to be used by colleges, universities, schools, districts, states, data and software providers and other stakeholders interested in exchanging data about course information.

"The Education Course Inventory PESC Approved Standard is a data specification for educational institutions and schools to exchange course information offered at their institution to other education institutions, schools, organizations, data and software providers, states and government agencies, and/or stakeholders utilizing education information. Current and historical data about courses at the sending institution are included in this standard, which is essential information when a student transfers, or intends to transfer, from one school to another," states Rick Skeel, former PESC Board member.

"The standard includes data determining the level, content and description of the courses which aids in the evaluation of course credit and the transferability of the credit, and facilitates advising and admissions processes. It can also be utilized by education stakeholders to evaluate and better understand the courses offered by institutions, and can assist accreditation processes as well as local, state and national reporting," Mr. Skeel, who also served as Co-Chair of the Development Workgroup, continued.

PESC members that approved the Student Loan Portfolio Detail Report Standard include:

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- College Board
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Documentation for this newly approved standard is posted on the PESC website at www.PESC.org. Organizations looking to communicate their use of this or any other PESC Approved Standard should contact the PESC offices at 202.261.6514.

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PESC envisions national and international interoperability within the Education domain, supported by a trustworthy, inter-connected network called EdUnify built by and between communities of interest in which data flows seamlessly from one system to another and throughout the entire eco-system when and where needed without compatibility barriers but in a safe, secure, reliable, and efficient manner. To achieve the mission and the vision, PESC organizes activities to: accelerate performance and service, reduce cost, lead collaborative development, set and maintain common data standards, promote best practices, link public and private sectors, and serve as data experts.

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