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## Federal updates

### ED provides NSLDS update

In a recently published *NSLDS Newsletter*, ED detailed revisions in the calculation of aggregate loan limits and how the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) is now calculating aggregates for Consolidation loan borrowers.

To access the *NSLDS Newsletter*, go to [www.nslidsfap.ed.gov](http://www.nslidsfap.ed.gov) and select "News and Events." No logon is required to access this newsletter.

### Closed school corner

Following is a list of newly reported school closures from the Postsecondary Educational Participants System (PEPS) and from the February 2003 Closed School Monthly Report supplied by the Department of Education:

OPE School ID	School Name and Address	Unofficial Closure Date	ED's Official Closure Date
02262300	<b>Heald College</b> 2421 Mendocino Ave. Santa Rosa, CA 95403-3116	N/A	1/17/2003
02335001	<b>Phillips Business School</b> 2844 Kennedy Blvd. Jersey City, NJ 07306	N/A	6/30/1992

## TG updates

### TG waives conference fees for schools

In light of the shrinking budgets facing many financial aid offices, TG is offering complimentary registration to all school partners for its 2003 Annual Conference, "FFELP: Live in Concert!"

This year's conference will bring together financial aid and higher education professionals to explore new technologies and discuss industry challenges such as student population growth, the effects of budget cuts, and the upcoming Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act. The conference will be held April 23-25, 2003, at the Austin Marriott at the Capitol in Austin, Texas.

"TG's Annual Conference provides a valuable opportunity for members of the financial aid community to share insights and expertise," said Kim Alexander, TG vice president for customer focus. "We recognize that attendees have come to rely on the TG Conference to stay informed about industry activities—from legislative developments to technological innovations—and to stay connected with their colleagues. In keeping with the sense of community we all share, it seemed most appropriate that we enable as many schools to participate as possible. And that's why we're offering them complimentary registration."

### What to expect

Scheduled sessions will offer information on several timely topics:

- Maintaining service levels in tough financial times
- Distance education
- Pre-collegiate outreach programs
- E-signatures
- Consumer privacy
- CommonLine/Common Record convergence
- Loan forgiveness and repayment
- Impact of financial aid on freshman retention

You can review the full tentative agenda for the conference online at [www.tgslc.org/tgconference/schedule.cfm](http://www.tgslc.org/tgconference/schedule.cfm).

### How to register

Although this year's fees are being waived, TG is requesting that all financial aid professionals register in advance. Online registration is available on TG's corporate Web site, *TG Online*. Just point your browser to [www.tgslc.org/tgconference/register.cfm](http://www.tgslc.org/tgconference/register.cfm).

School financial aid professionals who have already registered and paid their registration fees will receive refunds.

## For more information

You can learn more about the conference by visiting the conference page on *TG Online* at [www.tgslc.org/tgconference/index.cfm](http://www.tgslc.org/tgconference/index.cfm), or by calling (800) 252-9743, ext. 4546.

## Legislative updates

The March 4, 2003, issue of the *Legislative Report* contains the Texas student aid community's response to ED's request for input on Higher Education Act Reauthorization. Read the response at [www.tgslc.org/lege\\_report/index.cfm](http://www.tgslc.org/lege_report/index.cfm).

## This, that, and the other...

If you work with student loan borrowers who might want to learn more about deferments and forbearances, encourage them to join the next *Mapping Your Future* online chat tonight. Details on the chat are available in [Edition 193](#).

The informative one-hour chat event will be held today, March 11, 2003, starting at 6 p.m. CST, at which time financial aid and career planning experts from across the country will be available. Anyone with Internet access can join the chat by visiting [www.mapping-your-future.org](http://www.mapping-your-future.org).



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