

TO: College Credit Plus Stakeholders – Students, Families, Institutions of Higher Education and Secondary Schools

FROM: Larisa Harper, Director
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RE: NEW COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS FLEXIBILITY/GUIDANCE

At the recommendation of Chancellor Randy Gardner and Superintendent of Public Instruction Paolo DeMaria, I am providing the attached College Credit Plus (CCP) document that modifies previously existing statutes, rules and guidance in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis. This document is being released upon Governor Mike DeWine's signing of House Bill 197, COVID-19 relief legislation, which occurred at 2:15 p.m. today, March 27. The bill granted new flexibility to the Chancellor, in consultation with the State Superintendent, to waive, extend, suspend or modify requirements of the CCP program in response to COVID-19.

The Ohio Department of Higher Education, working with our partners at the Ohio Department of Education, engaged dozens of stakeholders throughout the state in the past two weeks to seek advice, counsel and feedback. The result is the attached document that seeks to provide maximum flexibility to our secondary and postsecondary partners while keeping students foremost in our decision-making process.

The Chancellor asked me to share the following message with each of you as we strive to continue providing outstanding opportunities to students through the CCP program, despite the difficult circumstances: *"Our new College Credit Plus Guidance is truly a consensus document, designed to provide student-focused direction as we continue the important work of sustaining the program. This is a strangely challenging time for all of us, but the input we've received has helped us create revised guidance so that we can all serve students in the weeks and months ahead."* - - **Chancellor Randy Gardner**

We have attempted to provide as much flexibility as possible to continue implementing the CCP program, knowing that not every situation or circumstance can be comprehensively addressed in one document. We will continue to closely monitor all aspects of the program, and we encourage you to bring forward additional issues as they may arise.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with feedback, or if you have additional questions or suggestions as together we strive to serve the students of Ohio. My email address is lharper@highered.ohio.gov and my phone number is (614) 752-9472. The website, www.ohiohighered.org/ccp, will be regularly updated as appropriate.

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