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To: Smart Scholars Early College High School (SS-ECHS) & Smart Transfer Early College High School (ST-ECHS), Grant Administrators

From: Christopher Fernando, PhD, Supervisor of Higher Education Programs

Re: Extension of the 2019-2020 Project Period End Date

Thank you for your continued commitment to supporting students and families across New York State during this unprecedented time. We recognize that state-wide school closures make it nearly impossible to effectively utilize the resources provided to meet the needs of students and families.

The purpose of this communication is to inform you that you may extend funds to **April 30, 2021** from the 2019-20 project year up to, but less than 10% of your “total contract value” into the 2020-21 project year, so long as those funds are used to meet the needs of the 2019-20 students and its requirements. This allowance for the 2019-20 project period is offered for the following Smart Scholars Early College High School (SS-ECHS) & Smart Transfer Early College High School (ST-ECHS) initiatives:

- SS-ECHS Cohort 3
- SS-ECHS Cohort 4
- ST-ECHS (Smart Transfer)

Please note that this project period end-date extension is limited to the **above-referenced** SS-ECHS & ST-ECHS programs only. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer this extension to SS-ECHS Cohort 2 projects due to the language written in the appropriation.

Please also ensure that the persons responsible for managing your SS-ECHS and ST-ECHS grants are aware that if your district/BOCES/IHEs expects to receive SS-ECHS or ST-ECHS grant funding for the 2020-2021 project period, there will be an overlap of funding. It is the project lead’s responsibility to manage and differentiate this overlap, as required. Should you have questions on this, please contact Adrienne Day, your Program Liaison, at Adrienne.Day@nysed.gov.

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