

Dear Colleague:

**SUMMARY:** This letter includes the initial draft of the 2001-2002 Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR) layout and description.

We are pleased to release the initial draft layout and description of the 2001-2002 ISIR. We have reorganized the ISIR to reflect the changes we are making on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

## **What Is the ISIR**

The ISIR contains the information reported on the FAFSA, as well as key processing results and National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) Financial Aid History information. The record length for the draft 2001-2002 ISIR is 2,850 bytes. The 2000-2001 ISIR was 2,720 bytes.

Enclosed are the following:

- Enclosure 1 contains the draft ISIR layout.
- Enclosure 2 contains the 2000-2001 / 2001-2002 ISIR Cross Reference table.

## **When You Can Expect The Final ISIR Layout**

We are providing this early draft of the ISIR layout so you can begin to modify your systems for 2001-2002. As we test modifications to the Central Processing System (CPS) for the 2001-2002 processing cycle during the fall of 2000 we may find we have to make further changes. We will include the final draft version of the layout in the *EDE Technical Reference*, which we will distribute in December 2000. We cannot make the Comment Code text available until we publish the *EDE Technical Reference*. If we make any changes to the layout after we test the 2001-2002 CPS System and put it into production, we will distribute update pages after CPS start up which will occur on 01/12/2001.

## **If You Need Further Information**

The U.S. Department of Education's Information for Financial Aid Professionals (IFAP) Web page, <http://ifap.ed.gov>, has an electronic copy of the draft ISIR.

If you have any questions or comments on this draft, please call CPS Customer Service at 800/330-5947, option 2. You may also email inquiries, comments, or suggestions 24 hours a day to [CPS@NCS.COM](mailto:CPS@NCS.COM). A representative will respond within 24 hours.

Sincerely,

CPS Customer Service  
Enclosures