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Dear Colleague:

This letter is a Year 2000 disclosure notice* on the Title IV Wide Area Network (TIVWAN) and the EDConnect for Windows 32-Bit software package.

The U.S. Department of Education (ED) and National Computer Systems, the software development contractor for TIVWAN and EDConnect for Windows 32-Bit, are pleased to inform you that the TIVWAN, and the March 1999 release of the EDConnect for Windows 32-Bit software package, which ED issues to institutions participating in Federal Student Financial Aid Programs, are Year 2000 compliant. The Products will function accurately related to the processing of date data (including but not limited to, calculating, comparing and sequencing of dates) from, into, and between the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, including leap-year calculations, when used in accordance with documentation provided with the Products release, and when all third-party products used in combination with the Products properly exchange date data with it. Additional information on ED's Year 2000 activities can be found on its web page at www.ed.gov.

TIVWAN's and EDConnect for Windows 32-Bit's Year 2000 compliance were obtained through assessment, renovation, and testing. Year 2000 compliant Pentium personal computers (PCs) and an IBM 9672-R35 were used to test the following EDConnect for Windows 32-Bit functions:

- Transmitting and Receiving Data
- Changing the EDConnect-32 Password
- Verifying Add Dates in the Transmission Queue
- Verifying Add Dates in Mailbox Query View
- Verifying Add Dates in the Activity Log

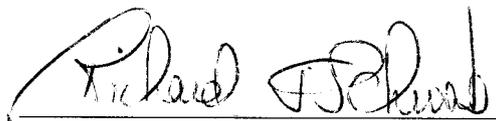
The functions listed above were performed with the system dates on PCs and the TIVWAN Mainframe system set to 12/31/1999, 01/01/2000, and 02/29/2000.

Institutions use EDConnect for Windows 32-Bit and the TIVWAN to communicate with the Federal Student Financial Aid systems.

Sincerely,



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