

MASSACHUSETTS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

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To: Chief Elected Officials
Workforce Development Board Chairs
Workforce Development Board Directors
Title I Administrators
Career Center Directors
Title I Fiscal Officers
DCS Operations Managers

cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: November 18, 2016

Subject: **Supporting Students and Employees Impacted by School Closures**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Development Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners of Training and Employment Notice [\(TEN\) 16-16](#), *Supporting Students and Employees Impacted by School Closures* detailing information and services available both to students and to employees who have been displaced as a result of a postsecondary institution closure.

Background: There have been postsecondary institution closures recently, and in the event of additional closures in the future, displaced students and employees may need assistance identifying their next steps. Educational information for students affected by the closure of postsecondary institutions is available at www.studentaid.gov/closures.

The U.S. Department of Education recently joined [Beyond 12](#) and National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators ([NASFAA](#)) in announcing the launch of a new online package of supports to aid students affected by college closures. Resources available at <https://nextstepsedu.org> match students with experienced financial aid and academic counselors throughout the country who can provide critical guidance as they determine how best to continue their studies.

Action

Requested: Please share the information with staff, partners and customers as appropriate.