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TCCC discovers FAFSA Pilot Project data error

North Charleston, SC – Tri-County Cradle to Career Collaborative CEO John C. Read issued the following statement regarding results of TCCC’s FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Pilot Project.

Statement regarding FAFSA Pilot Project

On July 10, 2017, TCCC issued a press release about our FAFSA Pilot Project. Based on subsequent analysis, we now believe that release was factually incorrect.

While the project did in fact achieve and even exceed its 45% combined completion target in the five pilot schools, the year-over-year gain (the period during which the pilot took place) was 8-percentage points based on data from the U.S. Department of Education and S.C. Department of Education rather than the 20-percentage points reported.

We discovered the error in the course of preparing our next Regional Education Report, which is to be published in April, and corrected the data as soon as the revised results were validated.

We value our reputation as an objective and trusted source for education data and sincerely regret the error. We remain committed to increasing the rate of FAFSA completion in our region and have confidence that the results obtained in the pilot project provide a basis for further work.

About the Tri-County Cradle to Career Collaborative

The Tri-County Cradle to Career Collaborative (TCCC) is a community-wide movement in Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester counties, South Carolina focused on improving the quality of life of its citizens and its workforce through education. Using data and focused community collaboration across a continuum from “cradle-to-career,” TCCC serves as a catalyst for widespread systemic change, with the ultimate goal of increased student success and economic prosperity for all.

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