Cradle-to-Career Data and Tools Advisory Board Staff Report

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Attention: Members of Data and Tools Advisory Board

Subject: **Student Audit Experience**

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At this meeting, the Data and Tools Advisory Board (Board) will have the opportunity to learn about this year's Student Experience Audit.

Requested Action:

❖ There is no requested action for this item. This is an informational item only.

Background:

Per Education Code Section 10867(b)(5)(A), the California Cradle to Career Data System (C2C) shall be responsible for conducting an annual student experience audit related to navigating the transition from secondary education to higher education. This work supports the scaling, expanding, operating and maintaining of operational tools (known as "practical tools for students and families".)

C2C has commissioned Vital Research to conduct this audit to better understand the challenges, barriers and experiences of students seeking to access higher education. This year's audit seeks to expand on the research from last year which focused on practitioner perspectives on student experiences. Using a much more rigorous mixed methods research approach this year, Vital will administer student surveys as well as conduct interviews with students to bring individual stories to life.

Vital Research is currently in the process of analyzing the data and drafting the report. The final report will be available in the Fall for feedback and review. Final publication of the report is set for the Winter.