

Cradle-to-Career Data Governing Board Staff Report

Date Report Issued: February 14, 2025
Attention: Members of Cradle-to-Career Data Governing Board
Subject: **Update on the Student Experience Report (Agenda Item 15)**
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At this meeting, the Governing Board (Board) will receive an update on the 2024 Student Experience Report.

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 (C2C) System shall conduct 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 C2C's operational tools and data system.

At the February 28, 2025 Board meeting, the Office of Cradle-to-Career Data (Office) will provide the Board with an update on the 2024 Student Experience Report. This agenda item is a follow up to the [Student Experience Report update](#) from the November 15, 2024 Board meeting. During this agenda item, the Office will review important findings of the Student Experience Report and provide an update from the Community Conversation that C2C co-hosted with the [UC Davis California Education Lab](#) (California Education Lab). C2C plans to release the 2024 Student Experience Report and host the Community Conversation on February 18, 2025.

C2C partnered with the California Education Lab and the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to conduct the 2024 Student Experience Report. This partnership resulted in a survey study with greater reach than previous years' Student Experience Reports. Over 10,000 California high school seniors responded to this year's survey and shared their experiences navigating from high school to their next steps. Students answered questions about the college application process, financial aid, and where they found support during this transition period. As C2C develops analytical and operational tools to support Californians' decision-making, it is important to hear directly from students about their experiences. Student input can help shape C2C's direction, contextualize its analytical tools, and ensure that its operational tools can address students' needs.