Dual Credit Students-

During the 88th legislative session under House Bill (HB) 8, the *Financial Aid for Swift Transfer* (FAST) program was passed which provides funding to participating public institutions of higher education, as defined under <u>Texas</u> Education Code (TEC) 61.003(8) so they can offer dual credit courses to educationally disadvantaged students at no cost to these students.

The Texas Education Code (TEC) defines "educationally disadvantaged" as those students eligible for the national free/reduced-price lunch program. A student who meets this requirement at any time during the four school years prior to the student's enrollment in the dual credit course may be eligible for the FAST program.

Those students who have been verified to have the FAST award applied will receive a notification to their Lone Star College CyFair email account.

DUAL CREDIT STUDENTS SHOULD CHECK THEIR LSC EMAIL TO CONFIRM.

Students who are not identified as economically disadvantaged and not approved for the award must complete payment by **<u>NOVEMBER 1, 2023</u>**.

For questions or concerns regarding Fall 2023 payment, please reach out to the campus Dual Credit team.

For additional information regarding the FAST award, please visit the "Frequently Asked Questions Link" at:

https://www.highered.texas.gov/our-work/supporting-our-institutions/community-college-finance/fast/fast-faqs/

Or the website at:

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