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FROM Pedro A. Rivera   
Secretary of Education

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RE Higher Education Completion Rate Report

**MESSAGE:**

Act 88 of 2002 was signed into law July 29, 2002 and requires the Pennsylvania Department of Education to collect and report the completion rates of Pennsylvania residents enrolled in undergraduate programs in four-year public colleges and universities and in private, not-for-profit colleges and universities in this commonwealth. This memo provides results of the 2014 Act 88 survey as required.

2015 Higher Education Completion Rate Data:

Number of Institutions:	103
Percent Responded:	70%
Number of first-time, full-time students who graduated in four years or less:	20,772
Percent of first-time, full-time students who graduated in four years or less:	47%
Number of first-time, full-time students who were enrolled in a five-year program and graduated in five years or less:	266
Percent of first-time, full-time students who were enrolled in a five-year program and graduated in five years or less:	66%