On April 16, 2020, the Governing Board approved policy proposals 1331 & 1332 advanced to the Board from Batches 220 & 221 respectively. The changes made in the proposals will be incorporated into the Common Manual annual update. The change will also be incorporated into the Integrated Common Manual release, which is available on the Common Manual website at www.commonmanual.org.

The common bulletin language is enclosed for all guarantors to use in publishing interim policy updates to schools and lenders.

The Plan for Maintaining and Updating the Common Manual adopted by the Common Manual guarantors states that:

“Participating guarantors shall publish all interim updates in their bulletins promptly (within 30 to 45 days) and without revision. However, nothing in the plan shall be construed as prohibiting participating guarantors from also publishing guarantor-specific policies in their bulletins provided such policies do not conflict with the provisions for guarantor-specific policies described in the Cooperative Agreement for Guarantors Participating in the Common Manual. Neither shall participating guarantors be prohibited from publishing their own procedures or other information in their bulletins.”

You may delete the policy reference numbers and proposal titles from the publication, and may rearrange the order of the articles or combine articles that are related to the same subject.

Industry participants that publish this information should include a statement directing any questions regarding the policy changes to the primary guarantor serving that reader.

If you have any questions about the enclosed proposals or any aspect of the Common Manual process, please contact Nancy Masten via phone at 608-733-2581 or via email at policy@ascendiumeducation.org.

Enclosures:

Common Bulletin Transmittal for Batches 220 & 221
Common Bulletin Language for Batches 220 & 221