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Progress Report – Demographics Work Group

As background for the 2008 Strategic Master Plan, Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) staff will provide a PowerPoint presentation regarding aspects of the state's demographics. To date, HECB staff have had an initial meeting with an advisory group composed of representatives from higher education institutions and other state agencies. Based on their valuable input and further research by HECB staff, the overview of demographic issues will include the following:

- Population growth by age and race/ethnicity:
Overall, the population is growing and some segments of the population are growing faster – particularly certain race/ethnic groups and age groups.
- Changes in population have implications for higher education; changes will be looked at from two perspectives:
 - the educational “pipeline”
 - educational attainment of the population – particularly those who are older than traditional college age.

Next steps in the process will involve continued refinement of the demographic analysis, including follow-up meetings with the advisory group. The work on demographics will help shape the eventual proposals and recommendations of the 2008 Strategic Master Plan for Higher Education.