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Messages for Leaders to Employees

Overview

- This transaction has the full support of our management and of our board of directors.
- Some of the world's greatest financial institutions have come together in this transaction to invest in the next generation of America's students. This new chapter in our history is a testament to our growth and success.
- This agreement affirms our long standing practice of keeping integrity at the forefront of all our business dealings.
- We have transformed from a government-sponsored secondary market to a full-service financial services provider. Today's announcement is the next logical phase of our transformation.
- Over the past 10 years, we have helped to address college affordability and rising student debt by offering industry-leading student loan discounts and an array of loan products and other services.

Our Business

- This transaction will not impact the 2007-2008 student loan processing year. There will be no change in service levels to students or schools. Our commitment to raising the bar on service levels to students and schools remains.
- Sallie Mae will continue to promote our internal brands and our lender partners. Bank of America and JP Morgan Chase are equity investors and are not combining their student loan businesses with us.
- We expect our employees to continue to perform their jobs with the dedication and enthusiasm they have demonstrated over the years.
- Today's transaction has no connection to the recent settlement with the NY AG. We will continue to comply fully with the Code of Conduct that we signed with the AG's office.
- As employees and shareholders, we can be equally excited by this news, as it is a vote of confidence for our collective talent and hard work.
 - This milestone affirms our past performance and projects a bright future.
- This transaction will not impact our day-to-day operations - it will remain business as usual. Our peak processing season is fast approaching, and we ask employees to remain focused and continue the outstanding work that has made Sallie Mae the No. 1 provider of student loans.
- We will continue to provide industry-leading products and services. We will continue to introduce innovative technology and cost-effective financial solutions to our customers. Our plans for growing our business also remain the same. We will continue to meet or exceed our targets.
- Indeed, the investment made by J.C. Flowers & Co. in Sallie Mae will bring strategic advantages to advance our growth and our mission.

The Future

- Going forward, employees will benefit from the continuity of a solid business plan and new investments in the future of the business. We look forward to even greater accomplishments with the investment made by J.C. Flowers & Co., Bank of America and JP Morgan Chase.
 - If you have additional questions, please contact your manager or your local human resource office. Additionally, you can post questions to the Forum on Sallie Mae Central.
 - Thank you for your dedication, hard-work, and support, which have contributed to this transformation.
 - This is an exciting, new chapter in Sallie Mae's history.
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- We have evolved over the years to offer innovative products to students, and we have collaborated with leading policymakers to address concerns about debt levels and repayment options.
- We look forward to continuing this legacy.

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IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE MERGER WILL BE FILED WITH THE SEC:

In connection with the proposed merger, the Company will file a proxy statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE ADVISED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE BECAUSE IT WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE MERGER AND THE PARTIES TO THE MERGER. Investors and security holders may obtain a free copy of the proxy statement (when available) and other relevant documents filed with the SEC from the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. The Company's security holders and other interested parties will also be able to obtain, without charge, a copy of the proxy statement and other relevant documents (when available) by directing a request by mail or telephone to Investor Relations, SLM Corporation, 12061 Bluemont Way, Reston, Va. 20190, telephone (703) 984-6746, or from the Company's Web site, <http://www.salliemae.com>.

The Company and its directors, executive officers and other members of its management and employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the Company's shareholders with respect to the Merger. Information about the Company's directors and executive officers and their ownership of the Company's common stock is set forth in the proxy statement for the Company's 2007 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, which was filed with the SEC on April 9, 2007. Shareholders and investors may obtain additional information regarding the interests of the Company and its directors and executive officers in the Merger, which may be different than those of the Company's shareholders generally, by reading the proxy statement and other relevant documents regarding the Merger, which will be filed with the SEC.