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## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** February 11, 2015

**TO:** USG Presidents

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**FROM:** Henry M. Huckaby, Chancellor

**SUBJECT:** Enrollment Projections

Last year we began utilizing the enrollment projections developed by the Carl Vinson Institute of Government for planning purposes. In my memo that accompanied last year's projections, I noted that we planned to review them on an annual basis and make adjustments as needed. We have now done that. Once again, these projections are just that; they are not intended to "cap" enrollment, nor are they enrollment "targets".

We will continue to use the projections to inform us in academic, fiscal, student, and facility discussions and planning. We have found that utilizing a common set of numbers keeps us focused as we deliberate on issues related to the fiscal and academic health of the system.

Overall, these projections show a 12% increase, or an additional 37,627 students between now and 2024. This is a slightly larger increase than the 8.5% increase projected last year. These projections are based on the extrapolations of Georgia's total population for the period 2004-2014.

Again, we will monitor actual enrollment closely and adjust accordingly. We are reasonably confident that these projections show a realistic picture of growth for the near term. We will use them in system planning discussions, and as such, expect that you will do the same.