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**RGM MEMO**

DATE: February 9, 2016

TO: School Owners and School Personnel

RE: Closure of Marinello Schools

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The questions keep on coming and it is necessary for me to come out to provide our position and understanding:

Why did Marinello Schools close?

The USDE froze their financial aid programs in February 2016, after the chain of schools were placed on reimbursement as of November 24, 2015.  Any school (of any size) that depends in Federal Title IV Aid as their main source of revenue would not survive without that source.

The main factors were:

Improper acceptance of high school diplomas:

Please watch your foreign Diplomas, and remember, the fact that you find the school listed in NCCES while completing the FAFSA, is not a guaranty of their acceptance.

Supplies too expensive and not delivered (some supplies missing and some of poor quality):

Please watch prices and procedures. Students should be able to purchase the cited books and supplies outside of the school, and it may be at a better price.

Excessive overtime charges:

Please watch for your attendance policy as published in the catalog.  You need to constantly remind the student of their attendance and the current incurred tuition charges.

The High School in question is PARKRIDGE PRIVATE SCHOOL

The Department has (as far as we know) not come out and specifically stated NOT A VALID HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA, it is guiding schools to be careful.

My understanding is that if the student received their diploma from Parkridge Private School via Marinello, more than likely that diploma would not be valid at your school and the student would not be eligible for Title IV funds.

However, if the student went by his/her self and shows you an academic transcript from their original High School, and shows records of actual physical attendance for a period of time of 6 to 8 weeks or longer and also shows a high school transcript from Parkridge Private School that will show the total combined credits earned as 220, you will still be taking your chances but it will look better.  At this point I just don’t know who can give you any guidance to accept or reject the student.

Please remember if you enroll/accept the students and give any credit for the hours earned at the closed school, THE STUDENT WILL LOSE THEIR OPPORTUNITY TO SEARCH FOR A CANCELLATION OF THE LOANS OBTAINED AT THE CLOSED SCHOOL.  It is important that students are carefully advised before enrolling at a new school.

Finally, Keep in Mind that Marinello’s new students that enrolled on or after 11/24/2015 did not receive any aid from Marinello, therefore, those students may enroll at any new school as a new student without any history of financial aid from Marinello.  If the student had aid in a prior enrollment at Marinello or another school, that information will appear on their new ISIR NSLDS history page.

One final question, answer and comment:

How is this going to affect RGM and its clients?

Internally, our revenue will be affected and we will all adjust and survive as the group that has survived for the last 36 years.  From the Department there will be no action against RGM, our services remain intact and proven to be correct.  Therefore, none of our clients will see any repercussion of the activities performed by Marinello.

We have no control over how and/or who you accept for enrollment.

We have no control of your tuition charges.

We have no control over your overtime charges.

We have no control over your books and supplies charges.

I have always said, school business is a very gratifying business and that financial aid is a beautiful game but you must learn to play it by following the rules.

**RGM and its current clients are fine, will continue to be fine and will be even better in the near and long future ahead.**

**RGM has been in business for 36 Years and is stronger than ever, thanks to the loyal dedication of my staff.**

**I am 71 and still going strong. keep up the good work, NEVER lose the faith, and never give up.**

**RAFAEL**