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Dan,

In structuring the PEAKS deal we have used the observable federal loan default measure, or cohort default rate (CDR), to extrapolate a longer term expected net loss rate. CDR is the default rate on Title IV loans over the first two years of repayment for all students entering repayment in a given year. Generally, you would apply a recovery assumption of at around 20% to the CDR to get a net loss rate (i.e. 10% CDR X 80% = 8% net loss). Our net loss amount is a more conservative metric in a few ways:

- a. We have assumed 0% recovery, so 100% of defaults translate into losses
- b. CDR measures only the initial two year period. We have further extrapolated to assume defaults over the cumulative life of the loans.
- c. CDR measures all students coming into repayment, including first year students. These first year students have a higher likelihood of leaving school prior to completing that year or not return for a second year. Leaving school subsequently sets them into repayment on their loans prior to having graduated and obtained a degree or certificate. The PEAKS program only allows returning students to apply for loans. These students have a far higher graduation rate and thus a lesser likelihood defaulting.

ITT's average CDR rate is about 12%. If we assume that 60% of all defaults happen within the first two years, this translates into a 20% cumulative default rate. We have assumed no recoveries and applied this cumulative loss rate along a slightly more conservative distribution of 40% in year 1, 25% in year 2, 20% in year 3, 10% in year 4, and 5% in year 5. This means we have a 65% of the distribution, or 13% net loss rate, over the first two years. Under this loss distribution, it would require a 40% loss rate (i.e., 2x the expected loss rate) before a payment on the guaranty would be required. You can see both the 20% and 40% scenarios represented graphically on page 15 of the investor presentation. I have included the chart from pg 15 below as well.

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