

2021 Virtual NIEA on the Hill

March 16-17, 2021

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Time	Event	Link
11:00am – 11:15 am	Opening Prayer and Welcome	TBD
11:15am – 11:30 am	Congressional & Administration Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rep. Kaiali'i Kahele (HI-02) 	
11:30am – 12:30pm	Administration Updates: Supporting Native Students at the National Level <i>Engage with Administration officials regarding critical programs that support Native students.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michelle Sauve, Acting Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans Tony Dearman, Director, Bureau of Indian Education 	
12:30pm – 1:30pm	Break for Lunch	
1:30pm – 2:30pm	Advocacy 101: Engaging Congressional Leaders and Stakeholders <i>Join NIEA to learn effective strategies for engaging with your congressional representatives.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adrienne Elliott, Senior Legislative Associate, NIEA Chris Topoleski, Legislative Director, NIEA 	TBD
2:30pm – 2:45pm	Break	
2:45pm – 3:30pm	Native Education Priorities in Congress <i>Discuss opportunities, challenges, and priorities in Native education for the coming year with congressional staffers.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alanna Purdy Montesinos, Legislative Assistant, Office of Sen. Ben Ray Lujan Amanda Beaumont, Education Policy Deputy Director, Senate HELP Committee Karen McCarthy, Senior Legislative Assistant, Office of Sen. Lisa Murkowski 	TBD
3:30pm – 3:45pm	Break	



3:45pm – 4:45pm	Appropriations 101: Critical Funding for Native Education <i>Learn more about current budget priorities and how federal Native education programs and services are funded.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Reich, Senior Fellow, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities • Nona McCoy, Senior Professional Staff, Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittee • Philip Tizzani, Professional Staff Member, House Labor, HHS, Education Appropriations Subcommittee 	TBD
4:45pm – 5:00pm	Closing Remarks	

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9:00am – 5:00pm	Congressional Hill Meetings	<i>If you requested a meeting from NIEA staff, please refer to your personal agenda for the link to join.</i>

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