

# 2021 Virtual NIEA on the Hill

## March 16-17, 2021

### Tuesday, March 16, 2021

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



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

**Wednesday, March 17, 2021**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
9:00am – 5:00pm	<b>Congressional Hill Meetings</b>	<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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