



NATIONAL INDIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Education Sovereignty

DRAFT AGENDA
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Day 1 – Tuesday (March 7, 2023)		
TIME	EVENT	SPEAKERS
9:30 – 10:00 AM	Welcome and Advocacy Report <i>U.S. Capitol Visitor Center</i>	Tesia Zientek, President, NIEA Diana Cournoyer, Executive Director, NIEA
10:00 – 11:00 AM	Congressional Remarks	Representative Mary Peltola Senator Lisa Murkowski Senator Brian Schatz *Congressional speakers subject to change
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	LUNCH <i>Concurrent with Legislative Landscape Panel</i>	
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Current Legislative Landscape: Panel with Congressional Staff **CLOSED TO PRESS** As the 118th Congress ramps up and committee assignments are finalized, our panelists will provide an insight on what is forthcoming in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate as it impacts our Nation’s education system and Native communities. We forecast what legislation could gain traction and what the Administration priorities look like with a split congress.	Manu Tupper, Legislative Assistant and Press Secretary, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Brad Thomas, Deputy Director of Education and Human Services Policy, House Committee on Education and the Workforce Qay-liwh Ammon, Professional Staff, House Subcommittee for Indian and Insular Affairs *Speakers TBD



12:00 – 1:30 PM	Congressional Remarks	Senator Markwayne Mullin Senator Elizabeth Warren Senator Tina Smith Representative Betty McCollum *Congressional speakers subject to change
1:30 – 2:00 PM	BREAK <i>Move to Holiday Inn Washington Capitol</i>	
2:00 - 3:00 PM	Promoting Indian Education Funding: Panel on Budget and Appropriations **CLOSED TO PRESS** Following the successes of the FY 2023 budget for Native Education, this panel will cover how the federal budget process works: from agency budgets, to the President's Budget Request, to congressional appropriations decisions. We will cover where we are for the FY 2024 and FY 2025 budgets and how you can get involved.	Elizabeth Carr, Tribal Advisor, OMB Trelaine Ito, Deputy Appropriations Director, Senator Schatz Greg Smith, Partner, Hobbs Strauss Dean & Walker Moriah O'Brien, Senior Government Relations Advisor, Hobbs Strauss Dean & Walker
3:00 – 4:00 PM	Advocacy Training for Hill Meetings Effective advocacy engagement is key to impacting federal legislation. NIEA staff will provide resources and examples to ensure that attendees advocating in Congress can help federal legislation to make a positive impact on Native education within their communities.	NIEA Staff
6:00 – 8:00 PM	NIEA Native Language Reception <i>National Museum of the American Indian</i> In Celebration of the Durbin Feeling Native Languages Act and the Native American Language Resource Center Act	
Day 2 – Wednesday (March 8, 2023)		
TIME	EVENT	SPEAKERS
8:00 – 9:00 AM	Coffee and Tea <i>Holiday Inn Washington Capitol</i>	
9:00 – 9:30 AM	Opening Prayer and Greetings <i>Holiday Inn Washington Capitol</i>	



9:30 – 10:30 AM	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel Discussion: Centering Social and Emotional Wellbeing</p> <p>In this discussion panelists bring their expertise on the advantages and opportunities Social and Emotional Learning brings to Native education. Panelists will highlight current efforts and strategies to support SEL policy and implementation.</p>	<p>Joaquin Gallegos, Special Assistant to the AS-IA, Department of the Interior Jared Stokes, Public Advisor, Office of Tribal Affairs and Policy, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Deidre Whiteman, Director of Research and Education, National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition MODERATOR: Patsy Whitefoot, West Regional Representative, NIEA</p>
10:30 - 10:45 AM	BREAK	
10:45 AM – 12:00 PM	<p style="text-align: center;">Partner Discussion: Post-Secondary Native Pathways</p> <p>Preparing, choosing, and transitioning from high school to post-secondary pathways can overwhelm young students. In this discussion, our panelists will provide information on how to better partner with K-12 schools and post-secondary options for career readiness.</p>	<p>Kelley Mitchell, Program Officer for College Access and Success, American Indian College Fund Dr. Johnny Poolaw, Director of Student Success, AISES Melvin Monette-Barajas, CEO and President, Cobell Scholarship Debbie Downs, Technical Education Coordinator, College of Menominee Nation Daryan Singer, Student Programming Manager, Native Forward</p>
12:00 – 1:30 PM	LUNCH <i>Presentation by <i>Imagining the Indian</i></i>	
1:30 – 2:00 PM	Federal Keynote - Department of the Interior	Wizipan Garriott, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior

2:00 – 3:00 PM	<p>Federal Updates: Indian Education</p> <p>This discussion will focus on key updates for Native education from two key federal agencies: the Department of Education and the Department of the Interior. These updates will focus on what new efforts are being undertaken at the Office of Indian Education - ED and the Bureau of Indian Education - DOI to advance Education Sovereignty.</p>	<p>Dr. Amy Loyd, Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education, Department of Education Julian Guerrero, Director of the Office of Indian Education, Department of Education Tony Dearman, Director, Bureau of Indian Education, Department of the Interior Summer Sylva, Senior Advisor for Native Hawaiian Affairs, DOI</p>
3:00 – 3:45 PM	<p>Partner Discussion: Building Tribal Education Capacity</p> <p>In this discussion we bring together Tribal leaders from across the US to highlight needs, challenges, and opportunities to build Tribal educational capacity. We focus the discussion on the local Tribal and state level.</p>	*Speakers TBD
3:45 – 4:00 PM	BREAK	
4:00 – 5:00 PM	<p>Federal Update: Native Language Revitalization</p> <p>With the announcement of the 10-year National Plan on Native Language Revitalization, the passage of the Durbin Feeling Native Languages Act and the Native Language Resource Center Act, Native languages have been brought to the forefront of US policy. This discussion will focus on federal updates on implementation of these two laws, planned consultation for the 10-year plan, and other federal updates on Native language efforts.</p>	<p>Dr. Jason Cummins, Acting Director, White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence and Opportunity for Native Americans Hope MacDonald Lone Tree, Acting Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans, HHS Tracy Goodluck, Senior Advisor to the AS-IA, Department of the Interior *Additional speakers TBD</p>
5:30 - 6:30 PM	<p>Native Education Educator Development (NEED) Committee Meeting <i>Holiday Inn Washington Capitol</i></p>	



Day 3 – Thursday (March 9, 2023)		
TIME	EVENT	SPEAKERS
9:00 – 10:30 AM	Prepare for Congressional Visits <i>Holiday Inn Washington Capitol</i>	NIEA Staff
11:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Congressional Hill Meetings	

