

TO: Secretary Riley
FROM: COO Greg Woods
OSFA
RE: Weekly Report
DATE: June 6, 2000

PRINCIPAL OFFICE'S WORK ON PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES

Nothing to report.

OFFICIAL'S ACTIVITIES

Institute for Public Policy Leadership Forum: COO Greg Woods will attend a round table discussion at American University on June 13 to help define the most important issues around policy implementation.

National Association of State Student Grant Aid Programs (NASSGAP) Presentation: COO Greg Woods will address the NASSGAP conference on June 14 in Washington D.C.

"PBO on the Frontlines" Graduation: COO Greg Woods will travel to the Atlanta Regional office on June 15 to address the SFA graduates of "PBO on the Frontlines" training.

DEPARTMENT'S NEWS

NSLDS: National Student Loan Clearinghouse and the Department of Education are working with three Guaranty Agencies and selected foreign schools to start tracking schools and individual borrower trends that will assist in fraud detection and prevention. The program is expected to be operational this month.

CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY

Nothing to report.

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

Nothing to report.

REPORTS

GAO Review of Data Sharing: COO Greg Woods and SFA representatives met with the General Accounting Office to discuss the results of its government-wide review of the use of data sharing among federal agencies to determine individuals' eligibility for federal benefits or loans. This study was performed at the request of the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs and the Title IV federal student aid programs were selected for review, along with programs in HUD and HHS. Of particular interest to Congress and the Department is the issue of performing an income data match with the IRS for student aid applicants. Greg Woods noted that the Department just completed the first of two planned test-match studies with IRS and shared some of the preliminary results. GAO plans to issue a draft report in June 2000.

ON THE HORIZON

Nothing to report.