

TO: Secretary Riley
FROM: COO Greg Woods
OSFA
RE: Weekly Report
DATE: September 05, 2000

PRINCIPAL OFFICE'S WORK ON PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES

Nothing to report.

OFFICIAL'S ACTIVITIES

National Performance Review Panel: COO Greg Woods is invited to participate in a National Performance Review (NPR) Panel on September 6, 2000, at the White House. The panel will discuss the use of the American Customer Service Index (ACSI) to focus agency initiatives and achieve better outcomes.

Leadership Forum: COO Greg Woods is invited to speak at the Leadership Forum on September 18, 2000, at American University in Washington, D.C.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

Students.gov: SFA Communications has prepared a Public Service Announcement on the new Interagency portal which will be aired on non-commercial radio stations. SFA Communications is contacting public transport authorities in major cities about free space for public service posters.

2001-2001 FAFSA: An updated draft of the 2001-2002 FAFSA, dated August 24, was posted to IFAP on August 25. This draft includes updated IRS tax line items and state deadlines. In addition, an electronic announcement inviting interested Financial Aid Administrators to review the FAFSA prior to the final printing was posted.

2001-2002 Delivery System Videoconference: A videoconference is scheduled for October 26, 2000. The working title is "Get Connected for the New Millenium: Application and Delivery System Update." Topics to be covered include the School Portal, paper FAFSA, Spanish FAFSA on The Web, and other redesign changes.

CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY

Nothing to report.

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

Nothing to report.

REPORTS

GAO Entrance Conference: An entrance conference is scheduled with GAO on September 6, 2000. Representatives John Kasich and Judy Biggert asked the GAO to prepare a report on the status of the Department's corrective action for identified financial management weaknesses by October 16, 2000.