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From: Merrill, Toby
Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting
To: Schmidt, Gregory; McCarthy, Patrick
Cc: Desmond, William
Sent: March 1, 2022 12:59 PM (UTC-05:00)

No idea on PSU. Agree re 117. Thanks.

From: Schmidt, Gregory <Gregory.Schmidt@ed.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 12:57 PM
To: McCarthy, Patrick <Patrick.McCarthy@ed.gov>
Cc: Merrill, Toby <Toby.Merrill@ed.gov>; Desmond, William <William.Desmond@ed.gov>
Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Thank you for re-upping, Patrick. Looping in Toby and Will.

Re: the below flags from Kevin on Patrick's request for vetting IHEs for speaking events:

- I think worth flagging the section 117 investigation into UMD College Park for OUS, (b)(5)

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From: McCarthy, Patrick <Patrick.McCarthy@ed.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 12:42 PM
To: Schmidt, Gregory <Gregory.Schmidt@ed.gov>
Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi Greg,

Checking in here to confirm that this is not a disqualifying issue, but that Sebastian should be made aware. Thanks!

Best,
Patrick

From: Slupe, Kevin <Kevin.Slupe@ed.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2022 5:05 PM
To: McCarthy, Patrick <Patrick.McCarthy@ed.gov>
Cc: Schmidt, Gregory <Gregory.Schmidt@ed.gov>
Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Patrick: there is an open §117 investigation involving UMD. (b)(5)

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Regards,
Kevin

From: McCarthy, Patrick <Patrick.McCarthy@ed.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2022 10:43 AM
To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koepfel, Dennis <Dennis.Koepfel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>
Cc: Leheny, Emma <Emma.Leheny@ed.gov>; Rosenfelt, Phil <Phil.Rosenfelt@ed.gov>; Malawer, Hilary <Hilary.Malawer@ed.gov>; Merrill, Toby <Toby.Merrill@ed.gov>; Wexler, Rob <Rob.Wexler@ed.gov>; Methfessel, Bucky <Bucky.Methfessel@ed.gov>; Slupe, Kevin <Kevin.Slupe@ed.gov>; Schmidt, Gregory <Gregory.Schmidt@ed.gov>

Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received another **vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institutions by Friday March 4st COB:

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Thank you for your help with this request, it is greatly appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: McCarthy, Patrick

Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 1:17 PM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

Cc: Leheny, Emma <Emma.Leheny@ed.gov>; Rosenfelt, Phil <Phil.Rosenfelt@ed.gov>; Malawer, Hilary <Hilary.Malawer@ed.gov>; Merrill, Toby <Toby.Merrill@ed.gov>; Wexler, Rob <Rob.Wexler@ed.gov>; Methfessel, Bucky <Bucky.Methfessel@ed.gov>; Slupe, Kevin <Kevin.Slupe@ed.gov>; Schmidt, Gregory <Gregory.Schmidt@ed.gov>

Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received an **vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by Tuesday March 1st COB:

(b)(5)

Thank you for your help with this request, it is greatly appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: McCarthy, Patrick

Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 9:23 AM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

Cc: Leheny, Emma <Emma.Leheny@ed.gov>; Rosenfelt, Phil <Phil.Rosenfelt@ed.gov>; Malawer, Hilary <Hilary.Malawer@ed.gov>; Merrill, Toby <Toby.Merrill@ed.gov>; Wexler, Rob <Rob.Wexler@ed.gov>; Methfessel, Bucky <Bucky.Methfessel@ed.gov>; Slupe, Kevin <Kevin.Slupe@ed.gov>; Schmidt, Gregory

<Gregory.Schmidt@ed.gov>

Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

I hope you enjoyed your long weekend. We have received an **urgent vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by tomorrow February 23rd **COB**:

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Thank you for your help with this **urgent** request, it is greatly appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: McCarthy, Patrick

Sent: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 3:43 PM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

Cc: Leheny, Emma <Emma.Leheny@ed.gov>; Rosenfelt, Phil <Phil.Rosenfelt@ed.gov>; Malawer, Hilary <Hilary.Malawer@ed.gov>; Merrill, Toby <Toby.Merrill@ed.gov>; Wexler, Rob <Rob.Wexler@ed.gov>; Methfessel, Bucky <Bucky.Methfessel@ed.gov>; Slupe, Kevin <Kevin.Slupe@ed.gov>; Schmidt, Gregory <Gregory.Schmidt@ed.gov>

Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

The office of the Secretary has begun the process of looking at universities' commencements for the Secretary to participate in. Currently, they would like us to vet the following list by **COB Monday 2/21**. Please let me know if you think there will be any issues getting these vetting requests done before the deadline and I can pass word to the OS that we need more time.

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Thank you again for all your help with this process it is greatly appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: McCarthy, Patrick
Sent: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 3:35 PM
To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>
Cc: Leheny, Emma <Emma.Leheny@ed.gov>; Rosenfelt, Phil <Phil.Rosenfelt@ed.gov>; Malawer, Hilary <Hilary.Malawer@ed.gov>; Merrill, Toby <Toby.Merrill@ed.gov>; Wexler, Rob <Rob.Wexler@ed.gov>; Methfessel, Bucky <Bucky.Methfessel@ed.gov>; Slupe, Kevin <Kevin.Slupe@ed.gov>; Schmidt, Gregory <Gregory.Schmidt@ed.gov>
Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received a **vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by Monday February 14th COB:

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Thank you for your help with this request, it is greatly appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: McCarthy, Patrick
Sent: Monday, February 7, 2022 2:25 PM
To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>
Cc: Leheny, Emma <Emma.Leheny@ed.gov>; Rosenfelt, Phil <Phil.Rosenfelt@ed.gov>; Malawer, Hilary <Hilary.Malawer@ed.gov>; Merrill, Toby <Toby.Merrill@ed.gov>; Wexler, Rob <Rob.Wexler@ed.gov>; Methfessel, Bucky <Bucky.Methfessel@ed.gov>; Slupe, Kevin <Kevin.Slupe@ed.gov>; Schmidt, Gregory <Gregory.Schmidt@ed.gov>
Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received an **urgent vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by tomorrow February 8th COB:

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Thank you for your help with this **very urgent** request, it is greatly appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: McCarthy, Patrick
Sent: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:16 AM
To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis

<Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

Cc: Leheny, Emma <Emma.Leheny@ed.gov>; Rosenfelt, Phil <Phil.Rosenfelt@ed.gov>; Malawer, Hilary <Hilary.Malawer@ed.gov>; Merrill, Toby <Toby.Merrill@ed.gov>; Wexler, Rob <Rob.Wexler@ed.gov>; Methfessel, Bucky <Bucky.Methfessel@ed.gov>; Slupe, Kevin <Kevin.Slupe@ed.gov>; Schmidt, Gregory <Gregory.Schmidt@ed.gov>

Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received a **vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by Friday February 18th COB:

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Thank you for your help with this request, it is appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: McCarthy, Patrick

Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 6:33 PM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

Cc: Leheny, Emma <Emma.Leheny@ed.gov>; Rosenfelt, Phil <Phil.Rosenfelt@ed.gov>; Malawer, Hilary <Hilary.Malawer@ed.gov>; Merrill, Toby <Toby.Merrill@ed.gov>; Wexler, Rob <Rob.Wexler@ed.gov>; Methfessel, Bucky <Bucky.Methfessel@ed.gov>; Slupe, Kevin <Kevin.Slupe@ed.gov>; Schmidt, Gregory <Gregory.Schmidt@ed.gov>

Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received a **urgent vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institutions by Friday February 4th COB:

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Thank you for your help with this **urgent** request, it is appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick

Sent: Friday, January 28, 2022 3:11 PM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

Cc: Leheny, Emma <Emma.Leheny@ed.gov>; Rosenfelt, Phil <Phil.Rosenfelt@ed.gov>; Malawer, Hilary <Hilary.Malawer@ed.gov>; Merrill, Toby <Toby.Merrill@ed.gov>; Wexler, Rob <Rob.Wexler@ed.gov>; Methfessel,

Bucky <Bucky.Methfessel@ed.gov>; Slupe, Kevin <Kevin.Slupe@ed.gov>; Schmidt, Gregory <Gregory.Schmidt@ed.gov>

Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received a **vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institutions by Friday February 4th COB:

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Thank you for your help with this request, it is appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick

Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 3:09 PM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koepfel, Dennis <Dennis.Koepfel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

Cc: Leheny, Emma <Emma.Leheny@ed.gov>; Rosenfelt, Phil <Phil.Rosenfelt@ed.gov>; Malawer, Hilary <Hilary.Malawer@ed.gov>; Merrill, Toby <Toby.Merrill@ed.gov>; Wexler, Rob <Rob.Wexler@ed.gov>; Methfessel, Bucky <Bucky.Methfessel@ed.gov>; Slupe, Kevin <Kevin.Slupe@ed.gov>; Schmidt, Gregory <Gregory.Schmidt@ed.gov>

Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received an **urgent vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institutions by this Thursday January 28th COB:

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Thank you for your help with this **urgent** request, it is appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick

Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 11:30 AM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koepfel, Dennis <Dennis.Koepfel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

Cc: Leheny, Emma <Emma.Leheny@ed.gov>; Rosenfelt, Phil <Phil.Rosenfelt@ed.gov>; Malawer, Hilary <Hilary.Malawer@ed.gov>; Merrill, Toby <Toby.Merrill@ed.gov>; Wexler, Rob <Rob.Wexler@ed.gov>; Methfessel, Bucky <Bucky.Methfessel@ed.gov>; Slupe, Kevin <Kevin.Slupe@ed.gov>; Schmidt, Gregory

<Gregory.Schmidt@ed.gov>

Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received a **vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by Friday January 28th COB:

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Thank you for your help with this request, it is appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick

Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2022 9:04 AM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received a **vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by Friday January 21st COB:

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Thank you for your help with this request, it is appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick

Sent: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:38 AM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

Cc: Leheny, Emma <Emma.Leheny@ed.gov>; Rosenfelt, Phil <Phil.Rosenfelt@ed.gov>; Malawer, Hilary <Hilary.Malawer@ed.gov>; Merrill, Toby <Toby.Merrill@ed.gov>; Wexler, Rob <Rob.Wexler@ed.gov>; Methfessel, Bucky <Bucky.Methfessel@ed.gov>; Slupe, Kevin <Kevin.Slupe@ed.gov>; Schmidt, Gregory <Gregory.Schmidt@ed.gov>

Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received a **vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by Friday January 21st COB:

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Thank you for your help with this request, it is appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2022 12:42 PM
To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>
Cc: Leheny, Emma <Emma.Leheny@ed.gov>; Rosenfelt, Phil <Phil.Rosenfelt@ed.gov>; Malawer, Hilary <Hilary.Malawer@ed.gov>; Merrill, Toby <Toby.Merrill@ed.gov>; Wexler, Rob <Rob.Wexler@ed.gov>; Methfessel, Bucky <Bucky.Methfessel@ed.gov>; Slupe, Kevin <Kevin.Slupe@ed.gov>; Schmidt, Gregory <Gregory.Schmidt@ed.gov>
Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received a **vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institutions by Tuesday January 18th COB:

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Thank you for your help with this request, it is appreciated and happy New Year, I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday break!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 2:45 PM
To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>
Cc: Leheny, Emma <Emma.Leheny@ed.gov>; Rosenfelt, Phil <Phil.Rosenfelt@ed.gov>; Malawer, Hilary <Hilary.Malawer@ed.gov>; Merrill, Toby <Toby.Merrill@ed.gov>; Wexler, Rob <Rob.Wexler@ed.gov>; Methfessel, Bucky <Bucky.Methfessel@ed.gov>; Slupe, Kevin <Kevin.Slupe@ed.gov>; Schmidt, Gregory <Gregory.Schmidt@ed.gov>
Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received a **vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by Monday January 3rd COB:

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Thank you for your help with this request, it is appreciated! If I don't speak to you before the Holidays enjoy the time off!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick

Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 10:05 AM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

Cc: Leheny, Emma <Emma.Leheny@ed.gov>; Rosenfelt, Phil <Phil.Rosenfelt@ed.gov>; Malawer, Hilary <Hilary.Malawer@ed.gov>; Merrill, Toby <Toby.Merrill@ed.gov>; Wexler, Rob <Rob.Wexler@ed.gov>; Methfessel, Bucky <Bucky.Methfessel@ed.gov>; Slupe, Kevin <Kevin.Slupe@ed.gov>; Schmidt, Gregory <Gregory.Schmidt@ed.gov>

Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

Hope you enjoyed your Thanksgiving! We have received a **vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by Monday December 6th COB:

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Thank you for your help with this request, it is appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 11:21 AM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

Cc: Leheny, Emma <Emma.Leheny@ed.gov>; Rosenfelt, Phil <Phil.Rosenfelt@ed.gov>; Malawer, Hilary <Hilary.Malawer@ed.gov>; Merrill, Toby <Toby.Merrill@ed.gov>; Wexler, Rob <Rob.Wexler@ed.gov>; Methfessel, Bucky <Bucky.Methfessel@ed.gov>; Slupe, Kevin <Kevin.Slupe@ed.gov>; Schmidt, Gregory <Gregory.Schmidt@ed.gov>

Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received a **vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by Friday November 12th COB:

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Thank you for your help with this request, it is appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick

Sent: Thursday, November 4, 2021 1:35 PM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

Cc: Leheny, Emma <Emma.Leheny@ed.gov>; Rosenfelt, Phil <Phil.Rosenfelt@ed.gov>; Malawer, Hilary <Hilary.Malawer@ed.gov>; Merrill, Toby <Toby.Merrill@ed.gov>; Wexler, Rob <Rob.Wexler@ed.gov>; Methfessel, Bucky <Bucky.Methfessel@ed.gov>; Slupe, Kevin <Kevin.Slupe@ed.gov>; Schmidt, Gregory <Gregory.Schmidt@ed.gov>

Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received an **urgent vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institutions by Friday November 5th COB:

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Thank you for your help and apologies for the short notice regarding this request, it is appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick

Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 1:24 PM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

Cc: Leheny, Emma <Emma.Leheny@ed.gov>; Rosenfelt, Phil <Phil.Rosenfelt@ed.gov>; Malawer, Hilary <Hilary.Malawer@ed.gov>; Merrill, Toby <Toby.Merrill@ed.gov>; Wexler, Rob <Rob.Wexler@ed.gov>; Methfessel, Bucky <Bucky.Methfessel@ed.gov>; Slupe, Kevin <Kevin.Slupe@ed.gov>; Schmidt, Gregory <Gregory.Schmidt@ed.gov>

Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received an **vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by Monday October 18th COB:

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Thank you for your help with this request, it is appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick

Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 6:02 PM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

Cc: Leheny, Emma <Emma.Leheny@ed.gov>; Rosenfelt, Phil <Phil.Rosenfelt@ed.gov>; Malawer, Hilary <Hilary.Malawer@ed.gov>; Merrill, Toby <Toby.Merrill@ed.gov>; Wexler, Rob <Rob.Wexler@ed.gov>; Methfessel, Bucky <Bucky.Methfessel@ed.gov>; Slupe, Kevin <Kevin.Slupe@ed.gov>; Schmidt, Gregory <Gregory.Schmidt@ed.gov>

Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received an **urgent vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by Thursday October 14th COB:

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Thank you for your help with this urgent requests, it is appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick

Sent: Thursday, October 7, 2021 6:39 PM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received a **vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institutions by Thursday October 14th COB:

(b)(5)

Thank you for your help with these requests, it is appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 10:44 AM
To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>
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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received a vetting request regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institutions by Thursday October 7th COB:

(b)(5)

Thank you for your help with the continuation of quick turnaround requests, it is appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2021 1:37 PM
To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>
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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received a big vetting request regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institutions by Friday October 1st COB:

(b)(5)

Thank you for your help it is appreciated and apologies for the continuation of quick turnaround requests!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2021 3:06 PM
To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>
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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

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(b)(5)

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Best,
Patrick

Central Connecticut State University

From: Mccarthy, Patrick
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 7:00 PM
To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>
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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

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(b)(5)

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Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 7:14 PM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>
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(b)(5)

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Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 6:25 PM
To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>
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Hi All,

We have received another urgent vetting request regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by Friday September 10th COB:

(b)(5)

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Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 8:53 AM
To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>
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<Gregory.Schmidt@ed.gov>

Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received another urgent vetting request regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by Friday September 3rd COB:

(b)(5)

Thank you for your help it is appreciated and apologies for the flurry of quick turnaround requests this week!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick

Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 12:29 PM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

Thank you all for your extremely quick responses on (b)(5). We have now been asked to complete urgent vetting request regarding pending litigation or other concerns for (b)(5) by Wednesday September 1st COB:

(b)(5)

Thank you for your help it is appreciated and apologies for another quick turnaround on this request!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick

Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 10:37 AM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

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(b)(5)

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Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick

Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2021 11:49 AM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppe, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppe@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

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(b)(5)

Thank you for your help!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick

Sent: Monday, August 23, 2021 4:13 PM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppe, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppe@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

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Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick
Sent: Friday, August 20, 2021 8:33 AM
To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>
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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have been asked about pending litigation or other concerns for the following institutions by Friday August 27th COB:

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Thank you for your help!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick
Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 2:25 PM
To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>
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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

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(b)(5)

Thank you for your help and I appreciate the quick turnaround!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 4:55 PM
To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>
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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

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Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2021 2:08 PM
To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>
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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi all,

We have been asked about pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by Tue. August 6th COB:

(b)(5)

Thank you for your help!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick

Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 2:58 PM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

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Subject: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi all,

We have been asked about pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by Tue. July 27 COB:

(b)(5)

Thank you for your help.

Best,
Patrick

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Office of the General Counsel
U.S. Department of Education
(202) 615-2061 | patrick.mccarthy@ed.gov

**BACKGROUND MEMORANDUM
FOREIGN INFLUENCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION & SECTION 117**

Last Updated: January 14, 2022

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From: Darcus, Joanna
Subject: RE: Need help: Institutional Responsibility for HEA Section 117 Reporting
To: Desmond, William
Sent: March 3, 2022 2:16 PM (UTC-05:00)

Got it, Will—looking forward to reporting back after I check in with the folks I mentioned.

Thanks,

Joanna

From: Desmond, William <William.Desmond@ed.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 2:03 PM
To: Darcus, Joanna <Joanna.Darcus@ed.gov>
Subject: FW: Need help: Institutional Responsibility for HEA Section 117 Reporting

Joanna – see Hawaii’s email below that I mentioned. Key language is highlighted in yellow. I shared with Toby and she wasn’t familiar with anything coming out of FSA that would lead them to believe this.

Thanks,

Will

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hartle, Terry" <THartle@acenet.edu>
Date: March 3, 2022 at 12:05:53 PM EST
To: "Brown, Lisa" <Lisa.Brown@ed.gov>, "Muenzer, Melanie" <Melanie.Muenzer@ed.gov>
Subject: Need help: Institutional Responsibility for HEA Section 117 Reporting

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Hi guys –

Sorry to bother you but I am writing to seek your help on a specific Sec 117 question. The University of Hawaii sent a question to the Foreign Gift Reporting Desk on 7 February and a follow up on 25 February. I think this is a relatively straightforward question. (That is, I do not believe there has been a change and we have reviewed IFAP and the website has not changed since January 2021 and can’t find any evidence to suggest that there has been a change)

As you know, a major campus frustration with Sec 117 is that campus can’t get answers to questions – even ones that appear straightforward.

I would be deeply grateful if the right folks could get back to the U of Hawaii with an answer.

And, as you know, we are anxious to work with you to find ways to improve and smooth Sec 117 reporting.

Many thanks,

Terry

From: Darcie Yoshinaga <dsy@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Friday, February 25, 2022 7:07 AM
To: 'ForeignSourceReporting@ed.gov' <ForeignSourceReporting@ed.gov>
Subject: RE: Institutional Responsibility for HEA Section 117 Reporting

Hello, I am writing to follow up on my inquiry below. If you have already sent a response, please kindly resend it as I have not received anything.

Thank you,
Darcie

From: Darcie Yoshinaga <dsy@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2022 4:47 PM
To: 'ForeignSourceReporting@ed.gov' <ForeignSourceReporting@ed.gov>
Subject: Institutional Responsibility for HEA Section 117 Reporting

Hello,

I am reaching out to inquire whether there has been any restriction issued by the US Department of Education on which institutional office is responsible for HEA Section 117 reporting. I have reviewed the guidance posted at <https://fsapartners.ed.gov/knowledge-center/library/electronic-announcements/2020-06-22/reminder-report-ownershipcontrol-and-contractsgifts-foreign-sources>, and it does not seem to contain any restriction. At our institution, since the HEA Section 117 reporting is done through the Federal Student Aid portal (<https://sa.ed.gov/cas/CASWeb/pages/Authentication.faces>), we have been submitting the reports through our campus Financial Aid offices who have access to this system. However, we were informed today that there is a new federal requirement that financial aid offices should not be submitting, and I am unable to confirm this or locate any such federal directive or restriction.

If there is a new requirement (restriction) in place, could you please direct me to the applicable statute, regulation, guidance or other informational material so stating? In the alternative, please confirm that there is no issue with our campus financial aid offices continuing to submit reporting through the Federal Student Aid portal.

If you need any additional information in order to address this inquiry, please feel free to call me at (b)(6) or reply to this email.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Darcie

Darcie Yoshinaga
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From: Darcus, Joanna
Subject: RE: Need help: Institutional Responsibility for HEA Section 117 Reporting
To: Desmond, William
Sent: March 3, 2022 4:22 PM (UTC-05:00)

Hi Will,

(b)(5)

If I learn anything in particular, I'll be sure to let you know—but I suspect you may hear back first since you're in the original loop.

Joanna

From: Darcus, Joanna
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To: Desmond, William <William.Desmond@ed.gov>
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Subject: RE: Institutional Responsibility for HEA Section 117 Reporting

Hello, I am writing to follow up on my inquiry below. If you have already sent a response, please kindly resend it as I have not received anything.

Thank you,
Darcie

From: Darcie Yoshinaga <dsy@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2022 4:47 PM
To: 'ForeignSourceReporting@ed.gov' <ForeignSourceReporting@ed.gov>
Subject: Institutional Responsibility for HEA Section 117 Reporting

Hello,

I am reaching to out to inquire whether there has been any restriction issued by the US Department of Education on which institutional office is responsible for HEA Section 117 reporting. I have reviewed the guidance posted at <https://fsapartners.ed.gov/knowledge-center/library/electronic-announcements/2020-06-22/reminder-report-ownershipcontrol-and-contractsgifts-foreign-sources>, and it does not seem to contain any restriction. At our institution, since the HEA Section 117 reporting is done through the Federal Student Aid portal (<https://sa.ed.gov/cas/CASWeb/pages/Authentication.faces>), we have been submitting the reports through our campus Financial Aid offices who have access to this system. However, we were informed today that there is a new federal requirement that financial aid offices should not be submitting, and I am unable to confirm this or locate any such federal directive or restriction.

If there is a new requirement (restriction) in place, could you please direct me to the applicable statute, regulation, guidance or other informational material so stating? In the alternative, please confirm that

there is no issue with our campus financial aid offices continuing to submit reporting through the Federal Student Aid portal.

If you need any additional information in order to address this inquiry, please feel free to call me at (b)(6) or reply to this email.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Darcie

Darcie Yoshinaga

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From: Schmidt, Gregory
Subject: RE: Rice University
To: Desmond, William
Sent: March 3, 2022 5:12 PM (UTC-05:00)

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From: Desmond, William <William.Desmond@ed.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 4:34 PM
To: Schmidt, Gregory <Gregory.Schmidt@ed.gov>
Subject: FW: Rice University

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Happy to discuss my thinking or elevate for Lisa's thoughts.

Will

From: Desmond, William
Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 1:49 PM
To: Slupe, Kevin <Kevin.Slupe@ed.gov>
Subject: RE: Rice University

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From: Foreign Source Reporting <ForeignSourceReporting@ed.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 1:24 PM
To: Desmond, William <William.Desmond@ed.gov>
Subject: RE: Rice University

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Regards,
Foreign Source Reporting Support

Feels harsh...

From: ForeignGiftsAccess <ForeignGiftsAccess@ed.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 7:27 AM
To: Williams, Monica <Monica.Williams@ed.gov>; David Flores <dflores@highlighttech.com>; Perez, Sergio <Sergio.Perez@ed.gov>; Foreign Source Reporting <ForeignSourceReporting@ed.gov>; ForeignGiftsAccess <ForeignGiftsAccess@ed.gov>
Cc: Bradshaw, Patrick <Patrick.Bradshaw@ed.gov>
Subject: FW: Rice University

Morning Everyone,

We have received feedback from Nick Freyaldenhoven of Rice University. He has provided screenshots of the different iterations of Rice University's name in Foreign Gifts (see Nick's email in the chain below). The screenshots were captured from the reporting site (<https://sites.ed.gov/foreigngifts/>) and not the submission site.

If you go to the reporting site (<https://sites.ed.gov/foreigngifts/>), there are two separate iterations of Rice University in the "Select School Name" dropdown. Since in alpha order, Rice is first and William Marshall Rice is second. Rice University has 10 entries whereas William Marshall Rice University has 25 entries.

In the OPEID search within the submission site (<https://partners.ed.gov/foreigngifts/>), the name William Marshall Rice University appears once the OPEID (00360400) search completes – FYI, we had David Check to see how many different iterations were within the OPEID search or naming convention and he only found one – William Marshall Rice University.

You'll notice I've been highlighting the name Marshall – Nick Freyaldenhoven of Rice University has requested the name be changed from Rice / William Marshall Rice University to its legal name of William Marsh Rice University (Marsh not Marshall). Can we update the name unilaterally or do we have to seek permission from someone else?

Regardless, we have to update the name in two locations: the submission site and the reporting site. On a separate but equally important note, we have to update the references to FSA Foreign Gift Reporting. David once we receive guidance on how to proceed and since the reporting period has ended remove all references to FSA Foreign Gift Reporting and replace it with Foreign Gift Access (ForeignGiftsAccess@ed.gov). Please see the image immediately below for additional information.

Foreign Gift & Contract Disclosure

INSTITUTION INFORMATION

Enter Your Office of Postsecondary Education Identification (OPEID):

NOTE: If your OPEID does not populate below, click reset, verify your OPEID is correct, and try again.

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Location/Campus:	<input type="text" value="William Marshall Rice University"/>	City:	<input type="text" value="Houston"/>
State:	<input type="text" value="TX"/>	Zip Code:	<input type="text" value="770051892"/>

I acknowledge the institution information listed above is correct and accurate. If it is not, I will notify the Department by sending an email to FSAForeignGiftReporting@ed.gov

OMB Control Number 1801-0006

Please let me know if you would like me to schedule a meeting or provide any guidance on the information above. Thanks.

Regards,

Patrick

From: ForeignGiftsAccess <ForeignGiftsAccess@ed.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 6:50 AM
To: Nick Freyaldenhoven <npf3@rice.edu>; ForeignGiftsAccess <ForeignGiftsAccess@ed.gov>
Subject: RE: Rice University

Morning Nick,

Thank you for the additional information. Please confirm the location where the screenshot was captured:

Foreign Gifts Submission Site – <https://partners.ed.gov/foreigngifts>
Foreign Gifts Reporting Site – <https://sites.ed.gov/foreigngifts/>

In addition, what section(s) did you find the discrepancy? Thank you.

Regards,

Foreign Gifts Access Team

From: Nick Freyaldenhoven <npf3@rice.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 4:43 PM
To: ForeignGiftsAccess <ForeignGiftsAccess@ed.gov>
Subject: RE: Rice University

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William Marshall Rice University	TX	JAPAN	Gift
William Marshall Rice University	TX	JAPAN	Contract
William Marshall Rice University	TX	JAPAN	Restricted Contract

From: ForeignGiftsAccess <ForeignGiftsAccess@ed.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 9:40 AM
To: Foreign Source Reporting <ForeignSourceReporting@ed.gov>; Nick Freyaldenhoven <npf3@rice.edu>; ForeignGiftsAccess <ForeignGiftsAccess@ed.gov>
Subject: RE: Rice University

Morning Nick,

Thank you for your email. Please provide a screenshot of the different instances of Rice – William Marsh Rice University and Rice University – you are referencing.

Regards,

Foreign Gifts Access Team

From: Foreign Source Reporting <ForeignSourceReporting@ed.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 7:26 AM
To: Nick Freyaldenhoven <npf3@rice.edu>; ForeignGiftsAccess <ForeignGiftsAccess@ed.gov>
Cc: Foreign Source Reporting <ForeignSourceReporting@ed.gov>
Subject: RE: Rice University

Good morning,

Thank you for your message. I have copied my colleagues on the Foreign Gifts Access Team who should be able to assist you.

Regards,
Foreign Source Reporting Support

From: Nick Freyaldenhoven <npf3@rice.edu>
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2022 3:22 PM
To: Foreign Source Reporting <ForeignSourceReporting@ed.gov>
Subject: Rice University

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Hello,

I have a question about the submissions to the portal. My university is listed twice, as William Marshall Rice University and Rice

University. The actual legal name of the university is 'William Marsh Rice University'. Can I get all of the entries changed to William Marsh Rice University?

Thanks,

Nick Freyaldenhoven CPA, CFRA
Assistant Controller, [Research and Cost Accounting](#)
Rice University – Controller's Office MS 70
Office: (713) 348-3180



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From: Schmidt, Gregory
Subject: RE: Updates/Notes for Tomorrow
To: Desmond, William
Cc: McCarthy, Patrick
Sent: March 28, 2022 10:58 AM (UTC-04:00)

Morning! Ah, sorry, looks like I missed the latter half of this email while on vacation. Looping in Patrick – Patrick, could you please email Lisa Senecal, cc'ing Will, saying Lisa would like Will to get a security clearance and asking what the timeline/process would be?

Thanks!
Greg

From: Desmond, William <William.Desmond@ed.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 10:31 AM
To: Schmidt, Gregory <Gregory.Schmidt@ed.gov>
Subject: FW: Updates/Notes for Tomorrow

Hi Greg – can we touch base on the below? Lisa suggested I look into getting clearance for some of the 117 work. Beyond completing the SF-86, not sure how I go about starting what I assume is a lengthy process.

From: Brown, Lisa <Lisa.Brown@ed.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2022 10:05 AM
To: Desmond, William <William.Desmond@ed.gov>
Cc: Schmidt, Gregory <Gregory.Schmidt@ed.gov>
Subject: Re: Updates/Notes for Tomorrow

Thanks Will. I completely agree w your take on the likely focus of the next round of Qs.

I'd like to engage you in the next round w NSC if you are interested. If so, we should probably try to get you a security clearance. Adding Greg to start working on that.

Lisa Brown
General Counsel
Office of General Counsel
U.S. Department of Education
Lyndon Baines Johnson Building
400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Suite 6E313
Washington, DC. 20202-2110

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 18, 2022, at 9:42 AM, Desmond, William <William.Desmond@ed.gov> wrote:

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From: Brown, Lisa <Lisa.Brown@ed.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2022 9:34 AM
To: Desmond, William <William.Desmond@ed.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Updates/Notes for Tomorrow

Will,

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Thanks,
Lisa

Lisa Brown
General Counsel

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U.S. Department of Education
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Washington, DC. 20202-2110

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "McCarthy, Patrick" <Patrick.McCarthy@ed.gov>
Date: March 17, 2022 at 7:15:11 PM EDT
To: "Brown, Lisa" <Lisa.Brown@ed.gov>
Cc: "Moore, Gypsy" <Gypsy.Moore@ed.gov>, "Darcus, Joanna" <Joanna.Darcus@ed.gov>, "Bailey, John" <John.Bailey@ed.gov>, "Mirtle, Jessa" <Jessa.Mirtle@ed.gov>, "Leheny, Emma" <Emma.Leheny@ed.gov>
Subject: Updates/Notes for Tomorrow

Lisa,

The team's updates for tomorrow are below.

Best,
Patrick

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Office of the General Counsel
U.S. Department of Education
(202) 615-2061 | patrick.mccarthy@ed.gov

From: Schmidt, Gregory
Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting
To: McCarthy, Patrick
Cc: Desmond, William
Sent: April 5, 2022 10:35 AM (UTC-04:00)

Thanks! Looping Will. I think good to make OUS aware of plans as to UNLV and section 117 – on which Will would know details as to plans/timing – but I don't think it's necessarily disqualifying from an OGC perspective. We'd need to work with OUS to ensure the official would be properly briefed as to guardrails.

From: McCarthy, Patrick <Patrick.McCarthy@ed.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 10:18 AM
To: Schmidt, Gregory <Gregory.Schmidt@ed.gov>
Subject: FW: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi Greg – Kevin raised the flag below. In Sebastian's request he did not raise who the vet was for. If it is a notable Administration figure the Department's re-engagement with an open investigation during/shortly after a visit might draw attention. Happy to pass that along to Sebastian and ask Kevin for more detail. Thanks!

Best,
Patrick

From: Slupe, Kevin <Kevin.Slupe@ed.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 11:06 AM
To: McCarthy, Patrick <Patrick.McCarthy@ed.gov>
Cc: Desmond, William <William.Desmond@ed.gov>
Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi Patrick—we have an open §117 investigation involving UNLV and I believe we may be close to re-engaging with them (within the next week or two).

Regards,
Kevin

From: McCarthy, Patrick <Patrick.McCarthy@ed.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 10:21 AM
To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>
Cc: Leheny, Emma <Emma.Leheny@ed.gov>; Rosenfelt, Phil <Phil.Rosenfelt@ed.gov>; Malawer, Hilary <Hilary.Malawer@ed.gov>; Merrill, Toby <Toby.Merrill@ed.gov>; Wexler, Rob <Rob.Wexler@ed.gov>; Methfessel, Bucky <Bucky.Methfessel@ed.gov>; Slupe, Kevin <Kevin.Slupe@ed.gov>; Schmidt, Gregory <Gregory.Schmidt@ed.gov>
Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received a **vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institutions by Thursday April 7th COB:

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Thank you for your help with this request, it is greatly appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: McCarthy, Patrick
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2022 12:27 PM
To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>
Cc: Leheny, Emma <Emma.Leheny@ed.gov>; Rosenfelt, Phil <Phil.Rosenfelt@ed.gov>; Malawer, Hilary <Hilary.Malawer@ed.gov>; Merrill, Toby <Toby.Merrill@ed.gov>; Wexler, Rob <Rob.Wexler@ed.gov>; Methfessel, Bucky <Bucky.Methfessel@ed.gov>; Slupe, Kevin <Kevin.Slupe@ed.gov>; Schmidt, Gregory <Gregory.Schmidt@ed.gov>
Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received a **vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institutions by Thursday March 31st COB:

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Thank you for your help with this request, it is greatly appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: McCarthy, Patrick
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 9:42 AM
To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>
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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

I hope you enjoyed your weekend and were able to spring forward with the clocks! We have received a **vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by Thursday March 17th COB:

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Thank you for your help with this request, it is greatly appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: McCarthy, Patrick
Sent: Wednesday, March 9, 2022 10:12 AM
To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>
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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received another **vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by Monday March 14th COB:

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Thank you for your help with this request, it is greatly appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: McCarthy, Patrick
Sent: Monday, March 7, 2022 3:29 PM
To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>
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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received another **vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by Thursday March 10th COB:

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Thank you for your help with this request, it is greatly appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: McCarthy, Patrick
Sent: Monday, March 7, 2022 3:27 PM
To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppe, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppe@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>
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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received another **urgent vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by **tomorrow March 8th COB**:

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Thank you for your quick help with this **urgent** request, it is greatly appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: McCarthy, Patrick
Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 12:40 PM
To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppe, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppe@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>
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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

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Patrick

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Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2022 10:43 AM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received another **vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institutions by Friday March 4st COB:

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Thank you for your help with this request, it is greatly appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: McCarthy, Patrick

Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 1:17 PM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received an **vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by Tuesday March 1st COB:

(b)(5)

Thank you for your help with this request, it is greatly appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: McCarthy, Patrick

Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 9:23 AM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

Cc: Leheny, Emma <Emma.Leheny@ed.gov>; Rosenfelt, Phil <Phil.Rosenfelt@ed.gov>; Malawer, Hilary <Hilary.Malawer@ed.gov>; Merrill, Toby <Toby.Merrill@ed.gov>; Wexler, Rob <Rob.Wexler@ed.gov>; Methfessel, Bucky <Bucky.Methfessel@ed.gov>; Slupe, Kevin <Kevin.Slupe@ed.gov>; Schmidt, Gregory <Gregory.Schmidt@ed.gov>

Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

I hope you enjoyed your long weekend. We have received an **urgent vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by tomorrow February 23rd **COB**:

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Thank you for your help with this **urgent** request, it is greatly appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: McCarthy, Patrick

Sent: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 3:43 PM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

The office of the Secretary has begun the process of looking at universities' commencements for the Secretary to participate in. Currently, they would like us to vet the following list by **COB Monday 2/21**. Please let me know if you think there will be any issues getting these vetting requests done before the deadline and I can pass word to the OS that we need more time.

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Thank you again for all your help with this process it is greatly appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: McCarthy, Patrick
Sent: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 3:35 PM
To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>
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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received a **vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by Monday February 14th COB:

(b)(5)

Thank you for your help with this request, it is greatly appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: McCarthy, Patrick
Sent: Monday, February 7, 2022 2:25 PM
To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>
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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received an **urgent vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by tomorrow February 8th COB:

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Thank you for your help with this **very urgent** request, it is greatly appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: McCarthy, Patrick
Sent: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:16 AM
To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>
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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received a **vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by Friday February 18th COB:

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Thank you for your help with this request, it is appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: McCarthy, Patrick
Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 6:33 PM
To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>
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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received a **urgent vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institutions by Friday February 4th COB:

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Thank you for your help with this **urgent** request, it is appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick

Sent: Friday, January 28, 2022 3:11 PM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

Cc: Leheny, Emma <Emma.Leheny@ed.gov>; Rosenfelt, Phil <Phil.Rosenfelt@ed.gov>; Malawer, Hilary <Hilary.Malawer@ed.gov>; Merrill, Toby <Toby.Merrill@ed.gov>; Wexler, Rob <Rob.Wexler@ed.gov>; Methfessel, Bucky <Bucky.Methfessel@ed.gov>; Slupe, Kevin <Kevin.Slupe@ed.gov>; Schmidt, Gregory <Gregory.Schmidt@ed.gov>

Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received a **vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institutions by Friday February 4th COB:

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Thank you for your help with this request, it is appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick

Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 3:09 PM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received an **urgent vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institutions by this Thursday January 28th COB:

(b)(5)

Thank you for your help with this **urgent** request, it is appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick

Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 11:30 AM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received a **vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by Friday January 28th COB:

(b)(5)

Thank you for your help with this request, it is appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick

Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2022 9:04 AM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received a **vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by Friday January 21st COB:

(b)(5)

Thank you for your help with this request, it is appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick

Sent: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:38 AM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul

<Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received a **vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by Friday January 21st COB:

(b)(5)

Thank you for your help with this request, it is appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick

Sent: Monday, January 10, 2022 12:42 PM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koepfel, Dennis <Dennis.Koepfel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received a **vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institutions by Tuesday January 18th COB:

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Thank you for your help with this request, it is appreciated and happy New Year, I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday break!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick

Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 2:45 PM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koepfel, Dennis <Dennis.Koepfel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

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Bucky <Bucky.Methfessel@ed.gov>; Slupe, Kevin <Kevin.Slupe@ed.gov>; Schmidt, Gregory <Gregory.Schmidt@ed.gov>

Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received a **vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by Monday January 3rd COB:

(b)(5)

Thank you for your help with this request, it is appreciated! If I don't speak to you before the Holidays enjoy the time off!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick

Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 10:05 AM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

Cc: Leheny, Emma <Emma.Leheny@ed.gov>; Rosenfelt, Phil <Phil.Rosenfelt@ed.gov>; Malawer, Hilary <Hilary.Malawer@ed.gov>; Merrill, Toby <Toby.Merrill@ed.gov>; Wexler, Rob <Rob.Wexler@ed.gov>; Methfessel, Bucky <Bucky.Methfessel@ed.gov>; Slupe, Kevin <Kevin.Slupe@ed.gov>; Schmidt, Gregory <Gregory.Schmidt@ed.gov>

Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

Hope you enjoyed your Thanksgiving! We have received a **vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by Monday December 6th COB:

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Thank you for your help with this request, it is appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 11:21 AM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

Cc: Leheny, Emma <Emma.Leheny@ed.gov>; Rosenfelt, Phil <Phil.Rosenfelt@ed.gov>; Malawer, Hilary <Hilary.Malawer@ed.gov>; Merrill, Toby <Toby.Merrill@ed.gov>; Wexler, Rob <Rob.Wexler@ed.gov>; Methfessel, Bucky <Bucky.Methfessel@ed.gov>; Slupe, Kevin <Kevin.Slupe@ed.gov>; Schmidt, Gregory <Gregory.Schmidt@ed.gov>

Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received a **vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by Friday November 12th COB:

(b)(5)

Thank you for your help with this request, it is appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick

Sent: Thursday, November 4, 2021 1:35 PM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

Cc: Leheny, Emma <Emma.Leheny@ed.gov>; Rosenfelt, Phil <Phil.Rosenfelt@ed.gov>; Malawer, Hilary <Hilary.Malawer@ed.gov>; Merrill, Toby <Toby.Merrill@ed.gov>; Wexler, Rob <Rob.Wexler@ed.gov>; Methfessel, Bucky <Bucky.Methfessel@ed.gov>; Slupe, Kevin <Kevin.Slupe@ed.gov>; Schmidt, Gregory <Gregory.Schmidt@ed.gov>

Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received an **urgent vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institutions by Friday November 5th COB:

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Thank you for your help and apologies for the short notice regarding this request, it is appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick

Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 1:24 PM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

Cc: Leheny, Emma <Emma.Leheny@ed.gov>; Rosenfelt, Phil <Phil.Rosenfelt@ed.gov>; Malawer, Hilary <Hilary.Malawer@ed.gov>; Merrill, Toby <Toby.Merrill@ed.gov>; Wexler, Rob <Rob.Wexler@ed.gov>; Methfessel, Bucky <Bucky.Methfessel@ed.gov>; Slupe, Kevin <Kevin.Slupe@ed.gov>; Schmidt, Gregory <Gregory.Schmidt@ed.gov>

Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received a **vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by Monday October 18th COB:

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Thank you for your help with this request, it is appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick

Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 6:02 PM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

Cc: Leheny, Emma <Emma.Leheny@ed.gov>; Rosenfelt, Phil <Phil.Rosenfelt@ed.gov>; Malawer, Hilary <Hilary.Malawer@ed.gov>; Merrill, Toby <Toby.Merrill@ed.gov>; Wexler, Rob <Rob.Wexler@ed.gov>; Methfessel, Bucky <Bucky.Methfessel@ed.gov>; Slupe, Kevin <Kevin.Slupe@ed.gov>; Schmidt, Gregory <Gregory.Schmidt@ed.gov>

Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received an **urgent vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by Thursday October 14th COB:

(b)(5)

Thank you for your help with this urgent requests, it is appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick

Sent: Thursday, October 7, 2021 6:39 PM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received a **vetting request** regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institutions by Thursday October 14th COB:

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Thank you for your help with these requests, it is appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick

Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 10:44 AM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received a vetting request regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institutions by Thursday October 7th COB:

(b)(5)

Thank you for your help with the continuation of quick turnaround requests, it is appreciated!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick

Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2021 1:37 PM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received a big vetting request regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institutions by Friday October 1st COB:

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Thank you for your help it is appreciated and apologies for the continuation of quick turnaround requests!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2021 3:06 PM
To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>
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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received another vetting request regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by Wednesday September 29rd COB:

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Best,
Patrick

Central Connecticut State University

From: Mccarthy, Patrick
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 7:00 PM
To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>
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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received another urgent vetting request regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by Thursday September 23rd COB:

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Thank you for your help it is appreciated and apologies for the continuation of quick turnaround requests!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 7:14 PM
To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>
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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received another urgent vetting request regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by Wednesday September 15th COB:

(b)(5)

Thank you for your help it is appreciated and apologies for the continuation of quick turnaround requests!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 6:25 PM
To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>
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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received another urgent vetting request regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by Friday September 10th COB:

(b)(5)

Thank you for your help it is appreciated and apologies for the continuation of quick turnaround requests!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 8:53 AM
To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>
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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have received another urgent vetting request regarding pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by Friday September 3rd COB:

(b)(5)

Thank you for your help it is appreciated and apologies for the flurry of quick turnaround requests this week!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 12:29 PM
To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>
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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

Thank you all for your extremely quick responses on (b)(5). We have now been asked to complete urgent vetting request regarding pending litigation or other concerns for (b)(5) by Wednesday September 1st COB:

(b)(5)

Thank you for your help it is appreciated and apologies for another quick turnaround on this request!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 10:37 AM
To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul

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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

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(b)(5)

Thank you for your help it is appreciated and apologies for the quick turnaround on this request!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick

Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2021 11:49 AM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koepfel, Dennis <Dennis.Koepfel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi All,

We have been asked about pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by Monday August 30th COB:

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Thank you for your help!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick

Sent: Monday, August 23, 2021 4:13 PM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koepfel, Dennis <Dennis.Koepfel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

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(b)(5)

Thank you for your help!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick

Sent: Friday, August 20, 2021 8:33 AM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

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Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick

Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 2:25 PM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

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Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick

Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 4:55 PM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

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Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick

Sent: Friday, July 30, 2021 2:08 PM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

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Subject: RE: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi all,

We have been asked about pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by Tue. August 6th COB:

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Thank you for your help!

Best,
Patrick

From: Mccarthy, Patrick

Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 2:58 PM

To: Ellis, Kathryn <Kathryn.Ellis@ed.gov>; Goodridge, Marcella <Marcella.Keiller@ed.gov>; Koeppel, Dennis <Dennis.Koeppel@ed.gov>; Mahaffie, Lynn <Lynn.Mahaffie@ed.gov>; Siegel, Brian <Brian.Siegel@ed.gov>; Riddle, Paul <Paul.Riddle@ed.gov>; Taylor, Michael <Michael.Taylor@ed.gov>

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Subject: OUS request re: IHE vetting

Hi all,

We have been asked about pending litigation or other concerns for the following institution by Tue. July 27 COB:

(b)(5)

Thank you for your help.

Best,
Patrick

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From: Cordray, Richard
Subject: FW: The Department of Education News Briefing for April 12, 2022
To: Harrington, Ashley
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Leading The National News Today

California Sees Another Drop In Public School Enrollment.

The [Los Angeles Times](#) (4/11, Gomez, 3.37M) reports, "California public school enrollment has dropped for the fifth year in a row, a decline of 110,000 students" to "5,892,240, a 1.8% decline, according to state data released Monday." About one-third was due to declines in "large urban districts" and state official said that "COVID-19 disruptions have largely contributed to the most recent enrollment drops." Last fall, "the state announced a decline of 160,000 students, the largest drop in 20 years."

The [San Francisco Chronicle](#) (4/11, Tucker, 2.44M) reports with the 110,000 student drop in enrollment, "the fifth straight year of decline," California's enrollment has "dipped below 6 million" for the first time "in over a decade." Because of "a law passed during the pandemic," districts will "continue to receive consistent funding this year" of "about \$10,000 per student to districts and significantly more in low-income communities or those with a disproportionate number of English learners."

The [Orange County \(CA\) Register](#) (4/11, 854K) reports that "the class of 2032, whose students were in kindergarten when the pandemic hit in 2020 and are now second graders, has seen its enrollment drop by more than 18,000 students (31%)." The class of 2032 "had 57,792 students two years ago; that number fell to 39,654 this year." Likewise, "the class of 2023 – students who were in the ninth grade when the pandemic hit and are currently in grade 11 – lost more than 7,600 students, or 15% of its class, during this period."

The [San Diego Union-Tribune](#) (4/11, 587K) reports "San Diego County public school enrollment stood at about 481,100 students, which is down 1.8 percent from last year and down 4.3 percent from before the pandemic." The San Diego Unified School District, "meanwhile, has been losing students at a faster rate." The district's enrollment "was 95,250 for this school year, down 2.8 percent from last year and 6.9 percent from before the pandemic." All "but four of San Diego County's 42 school districts lost students during the pandemic."

The [San Francisco Chronicle](#) (4/11, Tucker, 2.44M) reports the San Francisco Unified School District school "saw a significant drop in enrollment this year, losing 2,552 students, or nearly 5%, and falling below 49,000 students for the first time in decades." The decline "was more than twice what it was last year, when 1,022 fewer students showed up to city schools in the fall of 2020 compared the previous year, according to state data released Monday."

[EdSource](#) (4/11) reports that for Gov. Gavin Newsom (D) "and legislators, the new numbers will add urgency to decisions on how to fund schools post-COVID." Schools "are funded largely by students' average daily attendance, but drops in enrollment will affect their bottom lines and ability to meet expenses."

Alabama's Transgender Treatment Ban Challenged By Lawsuits.

The [AP](#) (4/11, Chandler) reports two families with transgender children and two medical providers who treat trans children filed separate lawsuits against "the state of Alabama in federal court on Monday to overturn a law that makes it a crime for doctors to treat trans youth under 19 with puberty blockers or hormones to help affirm their gender identity." Unless the Alabama law, signed by Republican Gov. Kay Ivey on Friday, is blocked by the court, it will take effect May 8. Violations of the law "will be punishable by up to 10 years in prison. It also prohibits gender transition surgeries, although doctors told lawmakers those are not performed on minors in Alabama."

[Alabama Live](#) (4/11, 497K) reports "the parents of a 13-year-old transgender girl in Jefferson County and a 17-year-old transgender boy in Shelby County are participating in the lawsuit. The plaintiffs are known as Roe and Doe in the court filing to protect the children's identities." The Southern Poverty Law Center, the Human Rights Campaign, and other civil rights groups are representing the families in the case.

[Axios](#) (4/11, Shapero, 1.26M) reports Dr. Morissa Ladinsky, a plaintiff in the physicians' lawsuit, said in a statement that by signing the bill, Gov. Ivey "has undermined the health and well-being of Alabama children and put doctors like me in the horrifying position of choosing between ignoring the medical needs of our patients or risking being sent to prison."

American, George Washington Universities Reinstate Indoor Mask Mandate Following Rise In COVID-19 Cases.

The [Washington Post](#) (4/11, Lumpkin, 10.52M) reports, "American and George Washington universities will reinstate their indoor mask mandates Tuesday following a rise in coronavirus cases on campuses throughout the region." The revisions "on both campuses follow short-lived mask-optional policies that offered students and professors a taste of pre-pandemic normalcy."

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The [New York Times](#) (4/11, Heyward, 20.0M) reports "as of Sunday, there were an average of more than 31,000 new cases across the country, according to a New York Times database, a 3 percent increase over the last two weeks." New York City and Washington, D.C., "have seen sharper increases, though the average number of cases remains a fraction of each city's peak."

Other Universities Also Reinstate Mask Mandates. The [Chronicle of Higher Education](#) (4/11, Donaldson, 46K) reports that "after a wave of students returned from spring break, officials at the Johns Hopkins University pointed to an influx of positive cases as the reason for expanding campus masking requirements last week." While students and faculty members "were already required to wear face coverings in classrooms, masks will once again now be mandatory in residence-hall common areas and dining facilities." In response "to the nearly 100 undergraduates who reported a positive test during the first week of April, the university is also requiring all undergrads to be tested twice a week until at least April 22."

Rice University, in Texas, "also brought back a masking requirement last week, after reporting about 145 new cases over the previous few days – most of them among undergraduates." The policy "requires everyone, regardless of vaccination status, to wear a face covering in classrooms, with the exception of instructors who are delivering lectures."

Columbia University "reinstated a mask-wearing policy in classrooms on Monday, though university leaders say the campus remains low-risk and the change was made out of 'an abundance of caution,' given the uptick in the number of cases in New York City."

Secretary and Department News

Cardona Meets With School Bus Drivers In Maine.

[WBTS-TV](#) Boston (4/11, 83K) reports Education Secretary Miguel Cardona was in Maine on Monday "for events that touched on school bus drivers and community colleges." Cardona, accompanied by Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME), first visited the bus yard for Regional School Unit 21 – which includes the towns of Kennebunk, Arundel and Kennebunkport – where they "held a roundtable with some of the district's bus drivers." Cardona said, "I want to say thank you but I also want to know, as we move forward, what we need to know in D.C. to support you all." WBTS says RSU 21 was selected for the event "because of its application of federal American Rescue Plan dollars towards driver bonuses and sign-on bonuses, along with improvements in training that helped prevent a serious lack of people able to transport students."

[WMEA-FM](#) Portland, ME (4/11) reports the event at the "Kennebunk School district's bus depot was billed as a chance to highlight how school officials there used federal rescue funds – that Democrats like Pingree supported – to help keep their buses running while the nation is contending with a driver shortage." As they sat in a circle of folding chairs, Cardona and Pingree turned to asking the school staff, 'well, what else do you need?' Bus driver Dennis Duprey said, "We need to look to the future and say 'come work for us – we can support your family on 40 hours a week guaranteed, year' round. I think that really important." Cardona responded, "Thank you I appreciate that. It has to be something where you're building – offer them more of the benefits and making sure that folks can come in and hear stories from other drivers and say 'look, I have a family and that's how I do it.'"

The [Portsmouth Herald](#) (4/11) reports that at the roundtable, Cindy Messier, a school bus trainer for RSU 21, showed Cardona "two thick catalogues" that are "issued for all who are training individuals seeking their commercial driver's licenses." Messier said, "We may need a new catalog for people who just want to be bus drivers." Her point was to raise "the issue of how much time it takes for bus drivers to get their licenses." Meanwhile, the Herald says that in February, RSU 21 Superintendent Terri Cooper "applied for and received the emergency monies through the ARP's Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds." She also "applied for and received federal funds to pay a \$500 bonus to all full-time RSU 21 staff, including the bus drivers who gathered on Monday."

The [Portland \(ME\) Press Herald](#) (4/11, 174K) reports district leaders used ARP funds to purchase "two new school buses totaling \$188,000 and give \$500 cash bonuses to its full-time drivers and \$250 bonuses to its part-time drivers. In addition to using federal funds to support school bus drivers, the district recently used taxpayer money to repave the school bus parking lot, which according to district drivers was previously half dirt and filled with potholes, and to negotiate a new contract with the bus drivers with a starting salary of \$20 per hour for someone with no experience."

[WCSH-TV](#) Portland, ME (4/11) reports Cardona said after the meeting, "What I took today is, 'Why don't we make the process simpler? Why don't we tap on the shoulders of retired teachers, retired principals that are looking to get back in and support their community? I think with American Rescue Plan Funds we can recruit folks, pay them bonuses.'" Messier "said she believed Cardona would sincerely consider her input when he returned to Washington."

[WGME-TV](#) Portland, ME (4/11, 69K) reports that earlier this year, the Biden Administration "allowed for more flexibility: an option to waive part of the licensing test." Still, districts are "still struggling with reliable bus staffing." Rep. Pingree said "I don't serve on the committee that funds education, but I know they are looking into all of these issues

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[WMTW-TV](#) Portland, ME (4/11, Hirschhorn, 123K) reports that Cardona and Pingree later visited York County Community College in Wells, where Cardona "said the Biden Administration has budgeted \$200 million for these two-year schools to hire more qualified instructors and smooth student career paths." At a roundtable, Cardona said the US should shift from the "four-year college or bust" mentality, especially given the availability of jobs in manufacturing and similar fields looking to hire young employees now. For example, the federal funds "can pay for high school juniors and seniors to take community college classes, which at YCCC, for example, may offer a pipeline to jobs at airplane and helicopter engine manufacturer Pratt & Whitney, which has a plant in nearby Berwick."

Also reporting are the [Bangor \(ME\) Daily News](#) (4/11, 178K), [NECN-TV](#) Boston (4/11, 85K), [WABI-TV](#) Bangor, ME (4/12, 44K), and [WGME-TV](#) Portland, ME (4/11, 69K).

Local TV coverage was provided by [NECN-TV](#) Boston (4/11, 4:34 p.m. EDT, 7K), [WABI-TV](#) Bangor, ME (4/11, 5:02 p.m. EDT, 19K), [WBTS-TV](#) Boston (4/11, 4:37 p.m. EDT, 7K), [WCSH-TV](#) Portland, ME (4/11, 5:35 p.m. EDT, 29K), [WFVX-TV](#) Bangor, ME (4/11, 4K), [WGME-TV](#) Portland, ME (4/11, 6:00 p.m. EDT, 1.93M), [WLBZ-TV](#) Bangor, ME (4/11, 5:35 p.m. EDT, 9K), [WMTW-TV](#) Portland, ME (4/11, 5:03 p.m. EDT, 18K), [WPFO-TV](#) Portland, ME (4/11, 10:06 p.m. EDT, 12K), and [WAGM-TV](#) Presque Isle, ME (4/11, 10:11 p.m. EDT, 3K).

Analysis: Lack Of Student Debt Relief Is "Particularly Damaging" For Black Borrowers.

[PBS NewsHour](#) (4/11, 792K) reports President Biden recently announced he will again delay the repayment start date for federal borrowers, but "his administration hasn't taken any substantial steps toward permanent relief." The lack of action is "particularly damaging for Black Americans, as systemic inequities often hinder the ability to compete on a level playing field in the workplace." Among 2016 graduates, "nearly 40 percent of Black students left college with \$30,000 or more in debt, compared with 29 percent of white students, 23 percent of Hispanic students and 18 percent of Asian students. Additionally, 86 percent of all Black students graduated that same year with debt of any amount, compared to 70 percent of white students, 67 percent of Hispanic students and 59 percent of Asian students." Persis Yu, policy director and managing counsel at the Student Borrower Protection Center, said, "Black students rely on student loan debt to a higher percentage than their white peers as well as take on more debt than their white peers." A report by the NAACP found that's "at least in part because Black students' parents tend to have lower total incomes." While 49% of Black parents "made less than \$35,000," 69% of white parents made more than \$70,000.

[Good Morning America](#) (4/11, 402K) reports the Education Trust released a [report](#) earlier this month "that found Black women receive little help when it comes to repaying their student loans. According to the report, 12 years after starting college, Black women owe 13% more than they borrowed, while white men, on average, have paid off 44% of their debt." Many Black women are "first-generation college students, which means they may have less knowledge of applying for financial aid and less knowledge of the ins and outs of repayment, experts said." An analysis by the Association of University Women found that "Black women have the highest average total of student debt, at \$41,466 for undergraduate and \$75,085 for graduate school one year after graduating." Once Black women do graduate college, they then "face both a gender and racial wage gap...according to the National Women's Law Center."

McConnell Opposes Administration's Student Loan Payment Pause Extension.

[Insider](#) (4/11, Sheffey, 2.74M) reports Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) told Fox News on Sunday he opposes the Administration's recent decision to extend the student loan repayment moratorium. McConnell said, "I think in this country we ought to remind people that we all pay our debts." He added, "And with regard to extending the moratorium, quoting Larry Summers again, he said it's exactly the wrong thing to do in the middle of this overheated economy, reducing this rapid inflation. This administration just can't seem to get their act together on the economy." Insider says McConnell was "likely referring to a [tweet](#) from Larry Summers, a lead economist for former President Barack Obama," who wrote that another extension of student-loan relief is "regressive, uncertainty creating, untargeted and inappropriate at a time when the economy is overheated."

Republican Bill Would Block Administration From Requiring Elementary Schools Implement Sex Ed, Gender Identity Curricula.

[Fox News](#) (4/8, 23.99M) reports Rep. Lance Gooden (R-TX) on Monday introduced legislation blocking the Biden Administration "from forcing states and schools to implement sex education and gender identity curriculum in elementary schools." The Protecting Innocence in Education Act would prohibit the Education Department "from taking punitive action, or refusing funding if an elementary school does not implement federal recommendations, regulations,

or guidance on sex education." It would also bar the Administration "from fining schools not in compliance with any federal sex or gender education requirements."

Continuing Coverage: First Lady, Cardona To Visit Missouri Wednesday.

[WDAF-TV](#) Kansas City, MO (4/11, Koch, 349K) reports online that First Lady Dr. Biden "will make another trip to the Kansas City region when she visits Whiteman Air Force Base this week." Dr. Biden and Education Secretary Miguel Cardona "will visit the base in Knob Noster on Wednesday to highlight the Month of the Military Child and programs that support military-connected students." Dr. Biden and Cardona "also plan to visit Whiteman Elementary School and attend and speak at Knob Noster High School's "Purple Up" pep assembly." WDAF reports, "Her visit is part of the White House's Joining Forces initiative, which works to support military families through employment, education and health."

[KSHB-TV](#) Kansas City, MO (4/11, Hartle, 147K) also reports, and local TV coverage anticipating the event includes [KOLR-TV](#) (4/11, 584K), [WDAF-TV](#) (4/11, 62K), [KYTV-TV](#) (4/11, 26K), [KSHB-TV](#) (4/11, 7K), [KCWE-TV](#) (4/11, 13K), [KCTV-TV](#) (4/11, 25K), [KSMO-TV](#) (4/11), [KFVS-TV](#) (4/11, 16K), and [KMOV-TV](#) (4/11, 149K).

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Biden Administration Will Give Millions Of Student Loan Borrowers In Default A Fresh Start.

[CNBC](#) (4/11, Nova, 7.34M)

Millions Behind On Student Loan Payments Being Offered Fresh Start.

What To Know. [McClatchy](#) (4/11, 29K)

Biden Still Considering Wide-Scale Student Loan Forgiveness.

[Forbes](#) (4/11, Friedman, 10.33M)

Student-loan Borrowers Will Likely Have To Pay Off Their Debt 'At Some Time' During The Biden Administration, The White House Says.

[Insider](#) (4/11, Sheffey, 2.74M)

White House Says Loan Repayment Will Restart.

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Opinion: Biden Administration Attack On Public Charter Schools Will Harm The Families And Students Who Need Them Most.

The [Seventy Four](#) (4/11, Landrieu)

Upcoming Education Events

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- April 18-22 [CIES 2022: Illuminating the Power of Idealism](#) – CIES 2022 will run between April 18-22, 2022, and our goal is to provide conference attendees with a memorable, intellectually stimulating and creative experience.

Location: Minneapolis, Minnesota

- April 19-21 [NCEA 2022](#) – National Catholic Education Association 2022 will have both virtual and in-person components. If you attend in-person, we will be at the Hilton Riverside in New Orleans.

Location: New Orleans, Louisiana

- April 27-29 [Microelectronics: Foundations and Futures Executive Course](#) – Join us for this 3-day course that will explore the history of microelectronics, detail the current state of the practice, and review legacy and state of the art technology needs as well as their impact on the US economy and national defense.

Location: Arlington, Virginia

- April 28-29 [On Course National Conference](#) – Join us to exchange and celebrate best practices in student success...from immediately usable instructional and counseling strategies to campus-wide programs that increase retention and student academic success. Learn great new strategies from educators who are changing the lives of their students and transforming their colleges into learner-centered institutions.

Location: Virtual.

- May 31-June 4 [Collegiate Information and Visitor Services Association Annual Conference](#) – This annual conference is packed with learning opportunities, including 10 blocks of educational concurrent sessions, 3 plenary sessions, and informal programming and events designed to help you develop new ideas, share experiences, discover best practices, and network with information and visitor services professionals.

Location: Orlando, Florida

Coronavirus News

Philadelphia First Major City To Reinstate Indoor Mask Mandate.

Meg Oliver reported on The [CBS Evening News](#) (4/11, 6:38 p.m. EST, story 3, 2:00, O'Donnell, 3.78M), "Trying to beat back a possible new COVID surge, Philadelphia announced it will bring back indoor mask requirements in public spaces effective a week from today." The [AP](#) (4/11, Rubinkam) reports Philadelphia "became the first major U.S. city to reinstate its indoor mask mandate on Monday after reporting a sharp increase in coronavirus infections, with the city's top health official saying she wanted to forestall a potential new wave driven by" BA.2. Confirmed cases "have risen more than 50% in 10 days...said Dr. Cheryl Bettigole, the health commissioner." Bettigole said, "If we fail to act now...it will be too late for many of our residents."

[Reuters](#) (4/11, Clifford) reports Philadelphia "is averaging more than 140 new daily cases, while fewer than 50 patients were hospitalized with the disease as of last count, Bettigole said." Citywide cases "rose nearly 70% in the span of a week as of Sunday...according to a Reuters tally." Reuters reports new infections "are up 10% in the United States as a whole over the past week," but the [Washington Post](#) (4/11, Shepherd, 10.52M) reports the "numbers remain far lower than they were during the omicron surge in January." Bettigole "said the more cautious approach is justified because Philadelphia has a history of disparities leading to worse public health consequences for Black and Brown communities within the city." Bettigole said, as reported on [NBC Nightly News](#) (4/11, 6:38 p.m. EST, story 3, 2:00, Holt, 5.25M), "I sincerely wish we didn't have to do this again. I wish this pandemic was over just as much as any of you."

[ABC World News Tonight](#) (4/11, 6:38 p.m. EST, story 2, 3:00, Muir, 6.32M) reported the city's announcement "comes as a wave of infections on college campuses is prompting schools like Columbia, Georgetown, American, and Johns Hopkins Universities to bring back masks. And in the nation's Capitol, the COVID outbreak still growing, at least 24 lawmakers and Administration officials have recently been infected."

[Massachusetts CNN](#) (4/11, Wolfe, 8.9, 21M) reports on its website that it is "expected that Covid-19 case numbers will

Meanwhile, [CNN](#) (4/11, White, 89.21M) reports on its website that it is expected that COVID-19 case numbers will rise and fall over the course of the pandemic, White House COVID-19 Response Coordinator Dr. Ashish Jha said Monday, adding that the CDC's "guidance about what actions to take is in the right place." CNN reports, "According to the CDC, the COVID-19 community level for Philadelphia County...is low. In such communities, CDC...does not suggest wearing masks." Also reported on [NBC Nightly News](#) (4/11, 6:38 p.m. EST, story 3, 2:00, Holt, 5.25M), Jha said, "I am not overly concerned right now. We saw this in Europe a few weeks ago. But the good news is we are coming off of so very low infection numbers."

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (4/11, Calfas, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) also reports.

The Hill Analysis: Rising COVID Cases Likely To Be "Less Damaging." [The Hill](#) (4/11, Sullivan, 5.69M) says in an analysis that though COVID cases "are showing signs of rising again," there are "important ways that any coming spike in COVID-19 cases...is likely to be less damaging than previous surges, experts say. And that may lead the nation to treat a new rise in cases differently." First, "it is not clear how steep any spike will be." Second, "people who are vaccinated and boosted still have strong protection against severe illness, even if it is possible they will get a milder infection." The Hill says, "That combination of vaccines, booster shots and treatments means that even if cases rise, the hope is that hospitalizations and deaths will not rise by as sharp a degree."

South Florida Schools Ready To Fight Back After State Punished Mask-Mandating Districts.

The [South Florida Sun Sentinel](#) (4/11, Travis, 525K) reports South Florida schools may initiate a "legal challenge to a state-funding decision related to mask mandates." The affected "school districts – Broward, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade – could be out more than \$100 million combined, money that goes directly to schools for employee bonuses." This session, "the state Legislature decided...to set aside \$200 million for a program that rewards schools that get A grades or improve a letter grade, up from about \$130 million in the past." However, "the 12 school districts that violated state rules by imposing mask mandates are ineligible this year."

Early Learning

Massachusetts House Leaders Seek \$110M Increase For Early Education Sector.

[State House News Service \(MA\)](#) (4/11, Subscription Publication) reports that "with more than \$110 million for the early education and care sector, including a tripling of funding for provider salaries, House leaders said Monday that their fiscal year 2023 budget proposal will seek to make child care more accessible to families in Massachusetts." Early education "and child care appears primed to be a major focus of investment and attention as the House and Senate prepare to debate and pass their own budgets for fiscal year 2023 over the next seven weeks." The importance "and vulnerabilities of the state's early education and care field came into sharp focus when the pandemic closed schools and child care centers, upending the work routines of many parents, and advocates have said this year represents an opportunity for Beacon Hill to stabilize and reshape the sector."

Camden School District Changes Vendor After Contaminated Milk Sickens Dozens Of Pre-K Students.

[New Jersey Star-Ledger](#) (4/11, 1.47M) reports, "The Camden City School District changed its milk sub-vendor last week after more than 30 students were sickened from cartons of Guida's Dairy milk found to be contaminated with a sanitizer at the end of March, a school official confirmed Monday." The Early Childhood Development Center in Camden pulled 95 cartons of Guida's 1% low fat milk from shelves March 30 after the threat of peroxyacetic sanitizer was identified; at least eight of the cartons were contaminated with the substance. The discovery of the sanitizer "spurred a federal class-action lawsuit. It also prompted the milk brand to be pulled statewide, according to the New Jersey Department of Health." Starting last Monday, "the district said it contracted Lehigh and Tuscan as its two new milk sub-vendors."

Additional Reading

Opinion: Are Kids Really Ready For Kindergarten At Age 4? It's A Problem Schools Can Solve Immediately.

The [Seventy Four](#) (4/11, Adams)

School Reopening

Philadelphia-Area District To Go Virtual Next Monday Amid Rise In COVID-19 Cases.

The [Philadelphia Inquirer](#) (4/11, Hanna) reports the Radnor Township School District is "planning a virtual day next Monday to allow students and staff to be tested following spring break." The Pennsylvania district recorded 34 COVID-19 cases "among students and staff in the final week of March, Superintendent Ken Batchelor said in a community message last week, up from 11 cases the week before and three the week before that. Last week, Radnor students and staff reported 38 cases, according to a district dashboard." Batchelor said the district will offer free testing Monday for students and staff.

Elementary and Secondary Education

Teaching & Learning

Minneapolis Students Begin To Make Up For Lost Time During Teacher's Strike.

The [AP](#) (4/11) reports that "students are returning to the classroom in Minneapolis Public Schools following spring break and will now begin making up for instruction time lost because of the teachers strike." Starting Monday, "students will be in school 42 minutes longer." That will "make up five days of the 15 days of lost learning when teachers and support professional went on strike March 8 idling some 29,000 students and about 4,500 educators and staff in one of Minnesota's largest school districts." The additional 10 days "will be added to the end of the school year, extending it until June 24."

Arizona Legislature Backs Proposal To Relax Teacher Certification Process.

The [AP](#) (4/11) reports, "The Arizona Legislature could soon approve changes to the teacher certification process designed to address a shortage of classroom instructors by allowing more people without regular teacher training to lead a class." The proposal would remove the grade restrictions on a 2017 law, thus "allowing someone with outside experience and a college degree" to obtain a "subject-matter certificate" to teach in grades K-12. Gov. Doug Ducey (R) "pushed the special certification for teachers in higher grades in 2017, saying it would add to the pool of people able to teach. But the proposal did little to solve the teacher shortage." Democrats who oppose the legislation "point to low teacher pay, large class sizes, micromanaging by the Legislature and the politicization of classroom curriculum for driving qualified teachers from the profession." The bill "awaits a formal House vote before returning to the Senate because of minor changes."

Operations

Survey: One In Four Superintendents Likely To Leave Position Soon.

[K-12 Dive](#) (4/11) reports that "a full quarter of superintendents said they will likely leave their position soon, according to a RAND Corp. report on a survey of 359 school district and charter school network leaders conducted between October and December 2021." That "would be on top of 13% of superintendents who left between the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years, which the report said reflects normal turnover rates." But "among superintendents who left in that period, 17% left districts with a majority of students of color while 12% left majority-white districts." Moving forward, "the report recommends policymakers monitor superintendent turnover rates, given the effect on a district's functioning and long-term plans for school reform."

NYC Mayor Continues To Push For Mayoral Control Extension Of City Schools.

In its New York education newsletter, [Politico](#) (4/11, Touré, Brink, 6.73M) reports that New York City Mayor Eric Adams "is continuing his push for a four-year extension of mayoral control of New York City schools following the passage of the state budget without such an extension." As Adams "marked 100 days in office on Sunday, he expressed satisfaction with some elements of the budget, noting the city was able to get the funding it needed for child care." But he "signaled he would continue to make his case for a four-year extension of mayoral control, which expires on June 30." Politico "had reported that mayoral control was unlikely to be included in the final budget ahead of the budget deadline." State lawmakers also "left mayoral control out of their one-house budget resolutions."

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The [Seventy Four](#) (4/11, McNeel) reports that San Antonio Independent School District “will soon have a new superintendent – Jaime Aquino, a reform-friendly career educator with experience in the nation’s largest school systems.” Monday’s announcement, “which will be followed by a mandatory 21-day waiting period before a contract can be signed, comes six months after Pedro Martinez left the job to helm Chicago Public Schools.” Many “are hoping Aquino will pick up where Martinez and his innovation chief, Mohammed Choudhury, left off.” Trustee Ed Garza “acknowledged that Aquino, having served as a deputy superintendent in Los Angeles, Denver Public Schools and New York City, will bring ideas and experiences of his own – as well as, he hopes, a steady hand.” In areas where previous administrators struggled, “such as coalition building, the district board hopes Aquino will shine.”

Newsletter Discusses Research Showing How Closing California Schools Can Increase Gentrification.

In her 8 to 3 newsletter for the [Los Angeles Times](#) (4/11, 3.37M), Laura Newberry writes, “Public school districts across California have been facing plummeting enrollment for five years, a trend spurred by pandemic struggles, falling birth rates, out-of-state migration, among other factors. Because funding for California public schools is based on student attendance, districts may soon be facing big budget shortfalls, if they aren’t already – although legislative discussions are underway to possibly ease the hit. One way districts are addressing this problem, however, is by shuttering schools with dwindling student enrollment.” She continues, “I was surprised to learn that even though closing schools is a common response to under-enrollment, very little is known about the effects of school closures on nearby neighborhoods, which according to scholars are disproportionately low-income and Black. Researchers at Stanford set out to fill that gap. They found that school closures increased gentrification, but only in Black neighborhoods.”

ACLU Of Northern California Wants State AG To Investigate Oakland School Closure Plan.

The [San Francisco Chronicle](#) (4/11, Sharpe, 2.44M) reports “the ACLU of Northern California on Monday formally urged California Attorney General Rob Bonta to investigate an Oakland school closure plan, saying it violates the rights of Black students who would be disproportionately affected.” Oakland Unified’s school board “voted in February to close, merge or reduce the grade levels offered at 11 schools over the summer and through the next school year, prompting protests, a weeks-long hunger strike and even demonstrations at officials’ homes.” A person “passes Westlake Middle School where two Oakland Unified School District staff members protest on Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2022.” The employees “engaged in a hunger strike to oppose the district’s proposal to close and merge nearly a dozen schools due to budget shortfalls.”

Memphis-Shelby County Schools Announces Three New Leadership Positions.

[Chalkbeat Tennessee](#) (4/11, West) reports that Memphis-Shelby County Schools officials “on Monday appointed two new assistant superintendents and filled a new security position as a part of the district’s ongoing academic restructuring and leadership reorganization.” The two new assistant superintendents “will oversee academics at the middle and high school levels, splitting duties that were previously handled by the chief of schools.” That position “has been vacant since Antonio Burt left MSCS in November to head the KIPP Memphis public charter school network.”

Richmond School Board Votes To Build New High School For 1,800 Students.

The [Richmond \(VA\) Times-Dispatch](#) (4/11, 401K) reports that “the Richmond School Board voted 5-4 late Monday night in favor of building a new George Wythe High School for 1,800 students.” School Board Chairwoman Shonda Harris-Muhammed “joined members Cheryl Burke, Nicole Jones, Liz Doerr and Dawn Page to accept a compromise, flipping from her previous position against building a school for more than 1,600 students.” Prior “to the School Board clawing back control of school construction last year, the city had planned to build a school for 2,000 students.”

EdWeek Highlights Takeaways From Current Absenteeism Crisis.

[Education Week](#) (4/11, Bomster, 120K) reports “school leaders around the country say they’re struggling with a wave of chronic absenteeism that’s worsened over the course of the pandemic.” There “are lots of factors, ranging from COVID-specific illness and family disruption to students who have just fallen out of the habit of regular attendance.” And while current statistics “are scarce, educators say the empty seats don’t make it any easier to get schools back to normal.” EdWeek highlights a “few takeaways from recent...reporting that offer perspective on the problem and the challenges schools face.” For example, “the nonprofit advocacy group Attendance Works describes ‘chronic

absenteeism' as missing 10 percent or more of school days." However, "some kids miss far more days than that simple yardstick might suggest." Some advocates, "such as Hedy Chang, of Attendance Works, recommend more-nuanced calibrations that could capture things like 'extreme absenteeism' – or having missed half the attendance days or more at any given point."

Adams 14 Leaders Prepares Case For Local Control Prior To State Board Hearing.

[Chalkbeat Colorado](#) (4/11) reports, "Facing a hearing this week that could determine the fate of Adams 14 schools, district leaders plan to ask the state to trust local leaders to oversee their own plan to improve schools." The state "has threatened to dissolve the 6,100-student school district, which serves mostly working-class suburbs north of Denver and has received the state's lowest ratings since 2010." Adams 14 leaders "will argue that they have both the will and the skills to pull up the district themselves." State Board of Education members "have expressed concern about local leadership after the school board fired an external management company, MGT Consulting." A state panel of outside experts "has recommended closing the main high school and reorganizing the district."

Rideshare Service That Transports Colorado At-Risk Students Pushes Bill To Keep Current Oversight.

[Chalkbeat Colorado](#) (4/11) reports rideshare service HopSkipDrive "now contracts with more than a dozen Colorado school districts, as well as human services agencies, to provide rides for vulnerable children: homeless youth, those in foster care, and students with disabilities whose specialized education plans include transportation." However, the company is not "regulated like other companies that also provide rides for at-risk students," which must follow "Colorado Department of Education rules that ensure drivers have certain training and vehicles meet safety requirements." Instead, HopSkipDrive is "regulated like other rideshare companies by the state Public Utilities Commission." While the state education department is "prepared to take over regulating" the company's school services, a bill in the Colorado General Assembly would block the department from assuming oversight. HopSkipDrive executives say the bill is needed "because contracts with human service agencies and youth shelters could also be found not to be covered under rideshare regulations."

School Finance

Chalkbeat Highlights Education Funding In Newly Passed New York State Budget.

[Chalkbeat New York](#) (4/11, Amin) reports that New York state lawmakers "passed a budget over the weekend that will boost funding for New York City schools by about 4% per pupil next school year." The city's public schools "will receive just over \$12 billion in state funding. State funds represent roughly 40% of the city's education operating budget." School funding is "usually a bitter battle among lawmakers and advocates during budget season." But lawmakers "reached a deal last year to fully fund Foundation Aid, the formula that sends more dollars to high-needs schools." As a result, "even the most fervent school funding advocates shifted their attention to expanding other programs and initiatives." One "of the largest pushes went toward expanding free child care across New York."

Illinois' 2023 Budget Includes Increase In K-12 Education Funding.

[Chalkbeat](#) (4/11) reports Illinois legislators "approved a budget plan over the weekend that includes more funding for K-12 public schools, a modest increase for early childhood education, and tax relief for families." The spring legislative session "was expected to end at midnight Friday, but lawmakers blew past the deadline to vote on a \$46 billion budget proposal early Saturday morning." With the state "starting to rebound from the economic fallout of the coronavirus pandemic, the 2023 fiscal year budget includes \$350 million toward the evidence-based funding formula for K-12 public schools and \$1.8 billion in tax relief for working families hit hardest by rising costs of food, utilities, and gasoline."

Kentucky Governor Says GOP Budget Fails To "Meet The Moment" On School Funding.

The [AP](#) (4/11) reports that "after scrutinizing the Republican legislature's budget work," Gov. Andy Beshear's (D) "biggest complaints Monday were about K-12 education funding, saying lawmakers failed to 'meet the moment' during a time of unprecedented revenue surpluses." The governor "praised several priorities in the two-year state spending plan crafted by the GOP-dominated legislature. He pointed to pay raises for state workers and bolstered funding for infrastructure projects, higher education, economic development and workforce training." His sharpest criticisms "were

aimed at the levels of K-12 education funding – or what was left out – as he revealed his line-item budget vetoes.” Beshear’s targeted “vetoes included proposed pay raises for lawmakers and statewide constitutional officers, including himself.”

Safety & Security

Headmaster Of Louisiana Christian School Charged With Taping Students’ Mouths Shut.

The [Lafayette \(LA\) Daily Advertiser](#) (4/7, Hilburn, 137K) reports the Rev. John Raymond, a Louisiana pastor and headmaster of the non-denominational Lakeside Christian School in Slidell, “has been charged with three counts of child cruelty for allegedly taping students’ mouths shut for talking too much.” Three students and their parents allege “the children were brought to by Raymond to his office, where the children’s mouths were closed with packing tape that wrapped around their heads.” The children were sent back to class for 45 minutes “until another school administrator began feeling uncomfortable about the situation and used scissors to remove the tape.” The Daily Advertiser mentions Raymond is a “member of the state’s Republican Party governing board and a former ‘Survivor’ contestant.”

Analysis Examines US Teen Mental Health Crisis.

In an analysis for [The Atlantic](#) (4/11, Thompson, 3.53M), Derek Thompson writes about the current “extreme teenage mental-health crisis” in the US. Thompson says, “From 2009 to 2021, the share of American high-school students who say they feel ‘persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness’ rose from 26 percent to 44 percent, according to a new CDC study. This is the highest level of teenage sadness ever recorded.” Thompson examines why this crisis is occurring, and proposes “several answers to that question, along with one meta-explanation that ties them together.”

Just 20% Of Sexually Active High School Students Were Tested For STIs In Past Year, Report Finds.

[HealthDay](#) (4/11, Reinberg, 11K) reports “too few sexually active teens are getting tested for” sexually transmitted infections (STIs), according to a [report](#) by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Overall, the report found that “just 20% of sexually active high school students said they were tested for an” STI “in the past year;” among them, “26% were girls and 14% were boys.” These findings were published in *Pediatrics*.

Special Needs

“One-Woman Rescue Squad” For Homeless Students Benefits From Temporary Increase In Federal Funding.

The [New York Times](#) (4/11, A1, DeParle, Kalifa, 20.6M) reports that “for hundreds of poor families in this rural district outside” Austin, TX, Norma Mercado “is a one-woman rescue squad – a source of food, clothes, transportation and counsel – with a gift for keeping homeless students in school.” She is “also a reminder of the scale and complexity of student homelessness and an exemplar of a little-known federal program that is suddenly awash in funds to help disadvantaged students succeed.” Under a 1987 law “now known as the McKinney-Vento Act, every school district must appoint a ‘liaison’ like Ms. Mercado to protect homeless students’ rights.” However, “until now only about one district in four received money for the work, meaning many made perfunctory efforts.” With school closures “from the pandemic harming poor students, Congress last year approved \$800 million in new grants, more than tripling the funding for three years and auguring an era of innovation in services for homeless children.”

American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief

Michigan Schools Spend Federal COVID-19 Relief Funds On Athletic Fields, Food Trucks.

The [Detroit Free Press](#) (4/11, Altavena, 2.16M) reports that “district and charter schools across Michigan have \$6 billion in federal pandemic relief funds to spend – but some of the planned uses are not explicitly pandemic-related, according to spending proposals submitted to the state.” Among “them: A playground ball pit, metal detectors and a nutrition room with smoothie service.” Schools “have a lot of flexibility in using the influx of federal money – and just a few years to spend it.” Proposed “uses vary greatly among the more than 500 school districts and nearly 300 charter schools, and cover nearly everything from athletic fields to food trucks, according to a review by the Detroit Free Press in collaboration with Chalkbeat Detroit and Bridge Michigan.”

Other Topics

NEA, NAACP Working To Counter GOP Misinformation On Critical Race Theory.

[Politico](#) (4/11, 6.73M) reports in its "Weekly Education" newsletter that "teachers, nonprofits and progressive activists are organizing new counteroffensives against Republican bids to limit classroom discussions on race and gender, or scrutinize school officials and staff." The National Education Association is supporting "new political organizing programs against GOP talking points for parents and students." The NAACP is partnering with education groups in Virginia to "promote schoolhouse lessons on Black history." Nevertheless, NAACP CEO and President Derrick Jackson "acknowledges Democrats and moderates have struggled to hone a potent counternarrative to Republican messaging on how to teach kids about discrimination and its legacy." He told Politico, "I don't think anyone is prepared to counter the ongoing barrage of misinformation and divisiveness that members of the Republican Party and the conservative movement are willing to partake in."

Supporters, Opponents Of Tennessee's Anti-CRT Law Claim Vindication.

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (4/11, Calvert, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports supporters and opponents of a Tennessee law designed to limit teaching on race and gender and to give parents more information about school curricula are now claiming vindication. Beth Brown, president of the Tennessee Education Association, said the fact only one complaint over teaching has been filed under the new law shows it wasn't needed. State Rep. John Ragan, a Republican who sponsored the legislation, said the publicity the bill received when it passed may have prompted teachers to ensure their teachings fell within state standards. The Williamson County chapter of Moms for Liberty, however, does not plan to file complaints under the law they helped champion because they have little faith the local school board will give the conservative group a fair hearing.

Virginia Governor Signs Law Requiring Districts Notify Parents About Sexually Explicit Instructional Materials.

The [Washington Post](#) (4/11, 10.52M) reports that under a new law Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin (R) signed last week, the Virginia Department of Education is required to publish "model guidelines for the handling of sexually explicit material — including outlining processes by which parents are notified of the material and can opt their children out of receiving it — by July 31. All of Virginia's 133 school districts must adopt versions of these guidelines by Jan. 1." LGBTQ advocacy groups contend the law "creates an adversarial relationship between teachers and parents or guardians."

ACLU Of Wisconsin Warns Waukesha School District's Inconsistent Ban On Political Signs Could Lead To Discrimination Lawsuit.

The [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#) (4/11, 844K) reports, "The American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin has claimed the Waukesha School District's implementation and enforcement of its ban on controversial and political signage has not been applied consistently, resulted in increased bullying and could be violating anti-discrimination laws." The group says the district notified staff in August that it had "paused work with its diversity, equity and leadership team and had banned Black Lives Matter, Blue Lives Matter, Thin Blue Line, anti-racist and other posters and materials from classrooms." However, the ACLU of Wisconsin said the district has banned Pride flags, Safe Space signs, and Gay-Straight Alliance signs, but signs supporting conservative cultural issues, like Students for Life lobby signs, are allowed. The policy has been hotly debated "by district residents at school board meetings and has also been supported and criticized by local politicians." The ACLU also announced an open records request it made with the district that seeks to "assess whether these policies and practices violate constitutional rights and other civil rights of students and teachers."

Tennessee Senate Advances Bill Adding Penalties To Schools Violating Trans Athletes Ban To Governor's Desk.

The [AP](#) (4/11, Kruesi) reports the Tennessee Senate on Monday advanced a proposal "adding harsh penalties against public schools...that allow transgender athletes to participate in girls' sports." The House approved the bill last month, and Gov. Bill Lee (R) must now decide whether to sign off on the bill. He has not "said publicly whether he supports the legislation," but he signed a measure last year "mandating that student athletes must prove their sex matches that listed on the student's 'original' birth certificate." The new proposal would let the state Education Department "withhold a portion of a state funds from local school districts that fail to determine a student's gender for participation in middle or high school sports. The measure does not specify exactly how much money should be withheld by the state." Critics point out that to date, bill supporters have failed to cite "a single instance of transgender girls or boys" in Tennessee middle or high school sports.

Resignation Of Texas Child Welfare Workers Over Governor's Trans Child Order Impacts Investigations Into Vulnerable Children.

The [Texas Tribune](#) (4/11, Klibanoff, 258K) reports the Texas attorney general's office "has gone to great length" to defend Gov. Greg Abbott's (R) "order to investigate parents of transgender children" in court, but Texas' child welfare agency "has been roiled by resistance and resignations as employees struggle with ethical questions they've never faced before. More than half a dozen child abuse investigators told The Texas Tribune that they either have resigned or are actively job hunting as a result of the directive." The employees "said they feel conflicted – unwilling to undertake what they see as discriminatory investigations and critical of the agency's internal response to requests for guidance." However, they also fear "what a mass exodus of experienced child abuse investigators would mean for the state's most vulnerable children." One supervisor said, "Things are already slipping through the cracks. ... We will see investigations that get closed where intervention could have occurred. And children will die in Texas."

Texas Families With Trans Children Plan To Leave State. [NBC Out](#) (4/11) reports Texas families with transgender children are starting to leave the state due to Gov. Greg Abbott's (R) directive requiring state health agencies investigate gender-affirming medical care as child abuse. One parent said things really started to change "when the Texas Children's Hospital announced last month that it would pause gender-affirming services for minors in light of the directive." She told NBC News, "That just really shook me. The things that you never would think would happen somehow are reality." She decided that "after her son finishes 10th grade this summer, the family would move to Denver."

Disney Donated \$190K Florida Republicans Before Pausing Political Contributions.

The [Orlando \(FL\) Sentinel](#) (4/11, Lemongello, 599K) reports the Walt Disney Co. donated \$125,000 to the Republican Party of Florida at the beginning of the legislative session before halting all political donations in Florida in March over the state's "Don't Say Gay" bill. State records show that before this year, "Disney had given about \$55 million to Republicans, Democrats and political committees in the state over the past 28 years, including about \$5 million in 2020 and more than \$2 million in 2021, state records show."

[Politico](#) (4/11, Fineout, 6.73M) adds the company gave "\$65,000 to a committee that helps elect GOP state senators, led by incoming state Senate President Kathleen Passidomo. All the donations, which were disclosed in new campaign filings Monday, arrived as the state legislative session was getting underway in January." Politico notes Disney also "donated \$25,000 to a leadership fund led by Senate Democratic Leader Lauren Book on the day before the start of the session."

Disney Heir Comes Out As Transgender, Regrets Silence On Florida's "Don't Say Gay" Bill. [Newsweek](#) (4/11, 2.67M) reports Disney heir Charlee Corra Disney, a high school biology and environmental science teacher, "has come out as transgender, while also expressing regret for not having publicly spoken out sooner in opposition of Florida's Parental Rights in Education legislation." Charlee said, "I had very few openly gay role models. ... And I certainly didn't have any trans or nonbinary role models. I didn't see myself reflected in anyone, and that made me feel like there was something wrong with me."

The [New York Post](#) (4/11, 7.45M) reports Charlee is the daughter of Roy P. Disney, "the great-nephew of Walt Disney and the co-founder of Walt Disney Co." He wrote in a statement, "Equality matters deeply to us, especially because our child, Charlee, is transgender and a proud member of the LGBTQ+ community." [The Hill](#) (4/11, Migdon, 5.69M) reports Roy Disney, "along with his wife, Sheri Disney, and their two children, announced last week that the family would be matching up to \$500,000 in donations to" the Human Rights Campaign.

The [Washington Post](#) (4/12, 10.52M) reports Charlee, who first identified as gay before coming out as transgender four years ago, said they "won't tolerate legislation that will cause more obstacles for LGBTQ children, who already suffer from high rates of anxiety, depression, bullying and suicide." Charlee said, "Then to put something like this law on top of that? They can't learn about their community and their history at school, or play sports or use the bathroom they want to use?" Meanwhile, Sherri Disney "said the family was disappointed with Disney's extended silence as the bill passed the state legislature."

Playwright Criticized For Saying Teachers Are "Inclined" Toward Pedophilia.

[NBC News](#) (4/11, 4.91M) reports Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright David Mamet echoed "attack lines" from Republican politicians during a Sunday Fox News interview about the classroom culture wars. Mamet insisted to host Mark Levin that "we have to take back control" from schools that discuss sexual orientation and gender identity in classrooms.

Mamet said, "What we have is kids not only being indoctrinated but groomed, in a very real sense, by people who are, whether they know it or not, sexual predators." He continued, "Are they abusing the kids physically? No, I don't think so. But they are abusing them mentally and using sex to do so. This has always been the problem with education. Teachers are inclined, particularly men because men are predators, to pedophilia." AFT President Randi Weingarten called Mamet's remarks "a repulsive demonization of the very people who have been the lifeline to our kids."

DeVos Pursuing Michigan School Choice Petition Drive To Circumvent Democratic Governor's Veto.

The [Seventy Four](#) (4/11, Mahnken) reports former Education Secretary Betsy DeVos "may have at last find the means to direct public funds to private schools" in Michigan. DeVos and her allies are "attempting to pass a new school choice law" that would "award tax credits to private donors who contribute to newly created scholarship funds; those scholarships could be accessed by families to pay for their educational expenses, including private school tuition." While past school choice bills have been vetoed by Democratic governors, conservative organizers are now collecting "a little over 340,000 signatures from Michigan voters" by June 1. This would let a tax-credit bill "be passed again by both houses of the Republican-held state legislature" that the governor, by law, cannot veto. Lawmakers in other states may not be able to replicate a "direct appeal to the electorate," but if local Republicans prevail, "they will have significantly advanced the aims of the DeVos family, which has long sought to bring private and religious schools under the umbrella of K-12 options supported by their home state."

Supreme Court To Hear Arguments Over School Coach's Prayer Ritual.

[K-12 Dive](#) (4/11) reports that "later this month, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in Kennedy v. Bremerton School District, a First Amendment case on the constitutionality of a Texas football coach's decision to pray following football games." The case "could have implications for how districts nationwide manage staff." A major question "that has surfaced about the case is whether the coach, Joseph Kennedy, involved students in his routine post-game prayers." According "to the petition, Kennedy initially prayed 'quietly and alone.'" The petition says, "After several games, some BHS [Bremerton High School] players asked him what he was doing and whether they could join him." Bremerton School District "will rely on the 2006 case Garcetti v. Ceballos, in which the Supreme Court decided that speech by a public official is only protected by the First Amendment if it is engaged in as a private citizen and not as part of the employee's public duties."

Opinion: Republicans No Longer Value Free Speech Of Opponents.

David French, a contributing writer and conservative political commentator, argues in [The Atlantic](#) (4/11, 3.53M) that "The American Right has lost the plot on free speech." By passing Florida's Parental Rights in Education Law and similar "education gag orders," French says "partisan animosity and public fear" has caused the Republican Party to reverse "many of its previous stances on free speech in public universities, in public education, and in private corporations." French argues the "reality of the First Amendment" is that no viable constitutional doctrine declares "Free speech for me and not for thee." French writes, "I don't want a teacher to worry that she has to be exceedingly careful about how she includes arguments for affirmative action in a class while giving free rein to arguments against it."

Additional Reading

Cedarburg Parents And Medical Professionals Criticize School District Over Reviewing Sex Education Proposal Promoting Abstinence-only Policy.

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CF School District Reaffirms Transgender Policy.

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Chicago Officials Seek To Engage Teens And Young Adults With Summer Youth Programs.

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A Chinese Student Americanized Her Name To Fit In. It Took More To Feel She Belonged.

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Fairfax County NAACP Raises Concerns About Search For FCPS Superintendent.

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Here's What We Know About The Mass. School Superintendent Who Allegedly Sent Threatening Texts.

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Oklahoma Secretary Of Education Urges District To Change Bathroom Policy.

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Opinion: 14 Reader Views On Sexuality And Gender In The Classroom.

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Opinion: A New Way To Pick The Best School For Your Child.

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[Forbes](#) (4/11, Shen, 10.33M)

Opinion: This Is A Time To Support Our Schools, Not Attack Them.

[Forbes](#) (4/11, Pierce, 10.33M)

Opinion: Why We Need A Socially Responsible Approach To 'Social Reading'.

The [Hechinger Report](#) (4/11)

Post-Secondary Education

Students Push Back Against Colleges Ending Hybrid Learning.

The [Chronicle of Higher Education](#) (4/12, 46K) reports that "while the COVID pandemic is not over yet, some colleges across the country are urging – and in some cases requiring – students to go back into classrooms." College administrators "say that students are clamoring to connect in person and that remote instruction can't fully replace face-to-face interaction." Some hope "that returning to classrooms will help mitigate what professors describe as unprecedented levels of student disengagement, in which students are failing to show up for class, participate in class discussions, and complete assignments." Some students, "though, want their colleges to make hybrid learning permanent." They "argue that scaling up remote learning during the pandemic made higher education more accessible – not only for students with disabilities and the immunocompromised, but also commuter students, those balancing schoolwork with jobs, and students with caregiving responsibilities – and helped to protect vulnerable faculty members."

College Faculty Discuss Handling Student Disengagement.

The [Chronicle of Higher Education](#) (4/11, 46K) asked college faculty members to tell "about their experiences with student disengagement in their classes." The Chronicle collected some of the responses. When asked whether they have noticed decreased engagement among students, one teacher wrote, "Yes, especially in my large introductory course. I am using a Hy-Flex arrangement to simultaneously teach an in-person section and an online section of the same course. I find that student attendance at the live sessions, either in the classroom or over Zoom, declines rapidly a few weeks into the semester, and the students who do attend the live sessions are extremely passive." Another said, "I've had to reach out directly to students much more frequently. I offer to review assignments before they're due. I've added a more progressive final project that asks students to provide updates on progress throughout the semester. I post the most common comments I've made on homework in prior semesters, so students can avoid similar pitfalls."

Pence's Upcoming Speech At University Of Virginia Reignites Debate.

The [Washington Post](#) (4/11, Svrluga, 10.52M) reports an "upcoming speech by former vice president Mike Pence at the University of Virginia has reignited a debate over free speech on the Charlottesville campus. ... The response to the event has been intense." Pence "is expected to speak at the university on Tuesday as part of a national tour on college campuses sponsored by the Young America's Foundation." The "debate over the appearance is especially complicated at U-Va., where the question of free speech is intricately bound up in both the foundations of the school and its recent past." School leaders "say the discussions over the scheduled speech by Pence serve to prove that diverging views are welcome on the campus."

Data: Rates Of New Jersey Students Taking SAT Plummet As Colleges Go "Test Optional."

[New Jersey Star-Ledger](#) (4/11, Kausch, 1.47M) reports the SAT "stopped being required by many colleges when the coronavirus pandemic upended education." The cancellation "of several spring 2020 test dates by the College Board

limited the number of chances Class of 2021 students had to take the exam, and almost certainly contributed to the drop in test-taking for students who were juniors when the pandemic began." Less "than half of New Jersey students who graduated in 2021 took the SAT at some point in high school, down from more than 70% of students in the year before the pandemic, data released by the New Jersey Department of Education on Wednesday shows."

Wisconsin Program Informs Eligible College Workers About Loan Forgiveness.

[Inside Higher Ed](#) (4/11, 72K) reports that "when President Biden extended the pause on student loan repayment again last week, it renewed the debate about the federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness program, in addition to complaints about inefficiencies in how PSLF is administered and inadequate efforts to inform those eligible for it." The Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions "has been working since last August to make sure eligible state residents and employees know how to get their student loans forgiven." They "say the department's programs and outreach have chipped away at the widespread distrust and skepticism about PSLF, led borrowers to financial freedom and informed people who were unaware that the program even existed." Dave Mancl, "director of financial literacy at the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, said those eligible also include 'Staff in school districts, staff in universities – they're not teaching, they're not faculty, but they're public employees, so they're eligible. School counselor, custodian. Everybody.'"

Column: Study Finds Guaranteed Free Tuition Lures Low-Income Students.

In her "Proof Points" column for [The Hechinger Report](#) (4/11), Jill Barshay writes about a University of Michigan, which "staged an experiment in 2019 involving 1,800 high school students. All of them qualified for free or reduced price lunch. ... Half of them lived in rural areas and 80 percent were white." She adds, "The university randomly mailed 1,200 of these students one of two invitations to apply. One offered them a full 'HAIL' scholarship – an upfront guarantee of zero tuition if the student was admitted – without having to fill out any financial aid forms. The other half received a letter encouraging them to apply, explaining that they would qualify for free tuition if their families made below \$65,000 and had less than \$50,000 in assets. The remaining 600 students didn't receive anything special in the mail." Barshay stated, "The clear winner was the upfront guarantee of zero tuition. Almost two thirds, or 63 percent of the 600 students who received this envelope, applied to the University of Michigan. About 200 of these students were admitted and 150 students, roughly a quarter of them, subsequently enrolled in 2020."

Over 66,000 Of Ohio's 2021 High School Graduates Did Not Fill Out FAFSA.

The [Columbus \(OH\) Dispatch](#) (4/11, 526K) reports Ohio high school graduates "left millions in federal student aid on the table last year by not filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, better known as FAFSA, according to data from the National College Attainment Network analyzed by the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Ohio." Nearly 66,700 high school seniors "did not complete FAFSA last year, said AICUO President C. Todd Jones." Of those students, "about 39% – 25,718 seniors – were eligible for Pell grants." If all of the eligible seniors "had applied and received the average Pell grant amount, they would have received more than \$111 million in federal student aid." That's "more than all of Ohio's neighbors, except Pennsylvania." Jones "said it's troubling to see states, such as Illinois, which has a larger population, leave less money on the table."

Proposed Rhode Island Bills Would Tax Private Colleges' Endowments, Properties.

[Higher Ed Dive](#) (4/11, Bauer-Wolf) reports "two bills proposed in Rhode Island would enable cities and towns to tax private colleges' endowments and properties." One piece of legislation "would permit up to a 2% tax on private institutions' endowments, the proceeds of which would benefit K-12 public school districts where the colleges are located." The other bill "would allow taxes to be levied on private nonprofit colleges' property, raising revenue that would flow into municipalities' general funds." The measures "would raise the most from the state's wealthy institutions, namely Brown University, which opposes them."

Southern Cal Sues YouTubers Over Disruptive Prank Videos.

The [Los Angeles Times](#) (4/11, 3.37M) reports "USC is suing two YouTubers for allegedly causing 'terror and disruption' after barging into classrooms to film prank videos for their channels." Ernest Kanevsky and Yuguo Bai, "who are not USC students, staged three 'classroom takeover incidents' in the university's Mark Taper Hall of Humanities, court documents say." A Los Angeles County Superior Court judge "on Friday issued a temporary restraining order banning the pair from the University Park campus and other school buildings." In the most recent incident, "on March 29, Kanevsky and Bai interrupted a lecture on the Holocaust while pretending to be 'a member of the Russian Mafia' and

Hugo Boss, a known manufacturer of Nazi uniforms during World War II, according to court documents.” The interruption “created a panic among students, who began fleeing the classroom...in an attempt to get away from ‘what reasonably appeared to them as a credible threat of imminent classroom violence,’ the suit says.”

The [AP](#) (4/11, O'Brien, Choe) reports “the university’s lawyers said the pair’s conduct ‘amounts to both a public and private nuisance’ that caused students to experience fear and emotional distress.” In September, “Kanevsky, Bai and an associate entered a data science lecture and allegedly used physical intimidation to force the professor out of the classroom before taking over the lectern and subjecting the students to ‘insults and demeaning behavior,’ court documents say.” In addition “to the restraining order, the suit seeks unspecified compensatory damages, along with attorneys’ fees and other related costs.”

UPenn Law Professor Makes More Inflammatory Comments About Immigrants On Fox News.

The [Philadelphia Inquirer](#) (4/11, Snyder) reports University of Pennsylvania law professor Amy Wax “made more inflammatory comments on a national conservative talk show Friday, slamming immigrants who are critical of the United States.” Wax told Fox News political commentator Tucker Carlson, “There is just a tremendous amount of resentment and shame of non-western peoples against western peoples for western peoples’ outsized achievements and contributions. It’s really unbearable.” Her comments “came as Penn is amid a faculty senate review process that could lead to sanctions against the 69-year-old tenured professor who has worked at Penn for two decades.” Penn “declined comment on her latest remarks, and the law school reiterated that her ‘views do not reflect our values or practices.’” Wax “said on the show that Black Americans also feel resentment and shame.”

Additional Reading

Cal State Sexual Harassment Scandal: Your Questions Answered.

The [Orange County \(CA\) Register](#) (4/11, 854K)

CU Discloses Demographics Of President Candidate Pool.

The [Denver Post](#) (4/11, 660K)

Former Chancellor Faces Felony Charges.

[Inside Higher Ed](#) (4/11, 72K)

Jury Finds Chinese U Of Kansas Professor Guilty Of Fraud.

[Inside Higher Ed](#) (4/11, 72K)

Justice Jackson Knows What Makes A Successful Affirmative Action Program.

[Diverse Issues in Higher Education](#) (4/11)

LSU Suspends Fraternity Over Hazing, Kidnap And Assault Of Member During ‘Hell Week’.

[USA Today](#) (4/11, 12.7M)

Pennsylvania Community College Faculty Votes To Unionize.

[Inside Higher Ed](#) (4/11, 72K)

Students Of Color Less Likely To Get Mental Health Treatment.

[Inside Higher Ed](#) (4/11, 72K)

Suit Charges Rutgers Rigged M.B.A. Rankings.

[Inside Higher Ed](#) (4/11, 72K)

U Of M Faculty Continue Research Push Amid Presidential Change.

The [Memphis \(TN\) Business Journal](#) (4/11, Subscription Publication, 855K)

Walden U Accused Of 'Reverse Redlining'.

[Inside Higher Ed](#) (4/11, 72K)

Why Was A Beloved Custodian Fired?

[Inside Higher Ed](#) (4/11, 72K)

Williams Will End Indirect Fossil Fuel Investments By 2033.

[Inside Higher Ed](#) (4/11, 72K)

Opinion: College Admissions Will Never Be The Same. But Will They Be Better?.

[Barron's](#) (4/11, Pianko, 1.36M)

Opinion: Do The Changes In The SAT Suggest That We've Given Up On Reading?

[Inside Higher Ed](#) (4/11, 72K)

Opinion: How Merger-curious Colleges Can Find Mission-aligned Dance Partners.

[Higher Ed Dive](#) (4/11)

Opinion: Political Interference In Higher Ed Is Increasing.

[Inside Higher Ed](#) (4/11, 72K)

Opinion: She Took Her Oral Exams. 45 Years Later, She Filed Her Dissertation.

The [Chronicle of Higher Education](#) (4/11, 46K)

Opinion: Whiteness In Physics? The Latest Front In The Woke Wars.

[Newsweek](#) (4/11, 2.67M)

Other Washington News

President Announces New Regulation Of "Ghost Guns," Taps Dettelbach To Head ATF.

The [AP](#) (4/11, Balsamo) reports that on Monday, President Biden "took fresh aim at ghost guns, the privately made firearms without serial numbers that are increasingly cropping up in violent crimes, as he struggles to break past gun-control opposition to address firearm deaths." Biden also "announced the nomination of Steve Dettelbach, who served as a U.S. attorney in Ohio from 2009 to 2016, to run the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives." The [Washington Post](#) (4/11, Wootson, Linskey, 10.52M) reports the two moves, "which come as Republicans have been attacking Democrats on crime, were long anticipated and were cheered Monday by gun control advocates. But they are far short of what many of them have hoped for with the Biden administration and Congress controlled by Democrats." The [Washington Post](#) (4/11, Wagner, Martínez, 10.52M) reports separately that while gun-control activists joined the President at the White House for the announcements, they "remain skeptical that meaningful gun reform can be achieved in the near term."

[Bloomberg](#) (4/11, 3.57M) reports the President "announced the finalization of new federal rules restricting" ghost guns. [Reuters](#) (4/11, Holland, Bose) reports the DOJ's "final rule has been making its way through the federal regulation process for nearly a year and is likely to draw opposition and litigation from gun advocates in the coming weeks." The rule "would make it illegal for businesses to manufacture such kits without a serial number and for a licensed gun dealer to sell them without a background check, Biden said." [CNN](#) (4/11, Liptak, 89.21M) reports the new regulation "will address a critical gap in the government's ability to track them by requiring background checks before purchase and serial numbers on some of the components."

[Roll Call](#) (4/11, Macagnone, 130K) reports Biden "called the rule 'common sense' and noted that local law enforcement reported 20,000 such firearms to the ATF in 2021, a tenfold increase since 2016. Before the new rule, Biden said, such kits would not be considered firearms." Biden said, "If I buy a couch I have to assemble. I still bought a

Biden said, such kits would not be considered firearms. Biden said, "If I buy a couch I have to assemble, I still bought a couch." [The Hill](#) (4/11, Gangitano, 5.69M) reports Biden said, "These guns are weapons of choice for many criminals. We're going to do everything we can to deprive them of that choice and when we find them, put them in jail for a long, long time." [USA Today](#) (4/11, 12.7M) reports Biden "also called on Congress to ban the sale and distribution of ghost guns."

The [New York Times](#) (4/11, Thrush, Benner, 20.6M) said the President "was visibly frustrated as he spoke in the Rose Garden during an appearance with victims of shootings and their families. He acknowledged that his core agenda — renewing the ban on assault weapons and instituting universal background checks on gun buyers — has been blocked by Congress, forcing him to take more modest actions." Biden said, "We are pushing in each of these areas, but none of this absolves Congress."

Kelly O'Donnell reported for [NBC Nightly News](#) (4/11, 6:42 p.m. EST, story 6, 2:00, Holt, 5.25M), "Gun rights advocates say they will challenge the new rules in court. The President used his executive authority today because gun safety reforms cannot get passed through Congress." Cecilia Vega, for [ABC World News Tonight](#) (4/11, 6:42 p.m. EST, story 4, 2:15, Muir, 6.32M), reported, "This new rule is supposed to take effect this summer, at some point. The White House is confident it will stand up to any legal challenges, but look, gun rights groups are already lining up in opposition. The NRA says this move does little to stop the violence we are seeing in major American cities. They call this a gun ban. To be clear, this new rule does not ban ghost guns. On the other hand, we're hearing from the NYPD, they are praising this, they are saying this will help those police officers who have been trying to get these guns off American streets."

The [CBS Evening News](#) (4/11, 6:44 p.m. EST, story 6, 0:35, O'Donnell, 3.78M) reported, "Ghost guns have been used in a growing number of high-profile crimes, including the fatal shooting in New York City, just last week, of a 16-year-old girl on her way home from school." [Bloomberg](#) (4/11, 3.57M) runs a piece describing ghost guns in detail.

Garland: New Regulation "Long Overdue." In an op-ed for [USA Today](#) (4/11, 12.7M), Attorney General Garland describes the new regulations and writes, "These changes are long overdue. Despite changes in technology, federal regulations that define what a "firearm" is have not been updated in more than 50 years. Meanwhile, since 2016, there has been a more than tenfold increase in the annual number of ghost guns recovered by law enforcement in criminal investigations and reported to ATF. That amounts to tens of thousands of guns, including guns recovered in connection with homicides and attempted homicides."

In an editorial, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (4/11, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) looks at the surge in firearm crime in Chicago, which is occurring despite the state's strong anti-gun laws. Noting the newly-announced regulation, the Journal says that the actual issue is the "lack of political will" to stop the violence, particularly the reduction in the city's police force in recent years.

Biden Touts Dettelbach's Record, But He May Still Face "Tough"

Confirmation Fight. The [New York Times](#) (4/11, Thrush, Benner, 20.6M) reports Biden "pointed to Mr. Dettelbach's record of taking 'violent criminals off the street,' and cast him more as a respectful reformer than a disruptive force." Dettelbach "echoed that message, saying he was an admirer of A.T.F. who had worked closely with bureau field agents as U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Ohio under President Obama."

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (4/11, Parti, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) quotes White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki as saying, "Our view is that if Republicans are about getting tough on crime, as we are, and keeping our community safe, they should support a career prosecutor like Steve Dettelbach." [CNN](#) (4/11, Perez, Sullivan, 89.21M) says Dettelbach will "likely" face a "tough confirmation fight." Administration officials "acknowledge Dettelbach faces long odds in the Senate largely because gun-rights groups routinely oppose any nominee for the agency that regulates guns." Still, Biden said, "Steve's record makes him ready on day one to lead this agency," describing him as "immensely qualified."

[Axios](#) (4/11, Nichols, 1.26M) reports that last year, Biden "was forced to pull his first nominee, David Chipman, a former ATF agent and gun control advocate."

Austrian Chancellor Emerges From Talks With Putin With Nothing "Optimistic" To Report.

The [New York Times](#) (4/11, Engelbrecht, 20.6M) reports Austrian Chancellor Karl Nehammer "visited President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia on Monday — the first Western leader to see him in person since the Ukraine invasion — and said he came away feeling not only pessimistic about peace prospects but fearing that Mr. Putin intended to drastically intensify the brutality of the war." Nehammer "said it was clear that Russian forces were mobilizing for a large-scale assault in eastern Ukraine's Donbas region." [Reuters](#) (4/11, Starkova) says Nehammer "gave a grim account of his talks with the Russian leader," saying, "I generally have no optimistic impression that I can report to you from this conversation with

President Putin." The [Washington Post](#) (4/11, Morris, 10.52M) reports Nehammer described the talks as "direct" and "tough," and said, "This is not a friendly visit. I have just come from Ukraine and have seen with my own eyes the immeasurable suffering caused by the Russian war of aggression." [Politico Europe](#) (4/11, Dallison, 15K) reports Nehammer added that he had brought up the issue of war crimes by Russian troops.

Russia Appears To Be Readying For Major Offensive In The East.

[Reuters](#) (4/11) reports Russia "has nearly completed its buildup of forces for a renewed assault on Ukraine's eastern Donetsk and Luhansk regions, Ukraine's defence ministry said on Monday." Spokesman Oleksandr Motuzanyk said, "We forecast that active combat will begin in these areas in the nearest time."

[The Hill](#) (4/11, Mitchell, 5.69M) reports Russia "has begun to reinforce and resupply its troops in the Donbas region of Ukraine ahead of an expected assault on the area, the Pentagon's top spokesperson said on Monday." Press Secretary John Kirby said US intelligence had picked up early indications that the Russians are "trying to resupply and reinforce their efforts in the Donbas." [Politico](#) (4/11, Forgey, 6.73M) reports a senior Defense Department official on Monday said Russia has begun to "resupply and reinforce" its forces in eastern Ukraine, and "pointed to open-source images showing a line of Russian military vehicles heading toward the Ukrainian city of Izyum — just outside the Donbas, to its northwest."

The [AP](#) (4/11, Schreck, Anna) reports Russian troops "will likely try to encircle the Donbas region from the north and the south as well as the east, said retired British Gen. Richard Barrons, co-chair of the U.K.-based strategic consulting firm Universal Defence & Security Solutions. The ground in that part of Ukraine is flatter, more open and less wooded — so the Ukrainian ambush tactics used around Kiev may be less successful, Barrons said."

[NBC Nightly News](#) (4/11, 6:31 p.m. EST, lead story, 3:45, Holt, 5.25M) reported, "Word of Russian troops massing for attack has sent a crush of civilians evacuating the region before they suffer the fates of places like Mariupol, where Ukraine's President believes tens of thousands may have died, though there is no way to verify." Nancy Cordes reported for The [CBS Evening News](#) (4/11, 6:32 p.m. EST, lead story, 4:00, O'Donnell, 3.78M), "In eastern Ukraine, it is a race against time to dig trenches and evacuate civilians, as the Russian war machine pivots. Shelling intensified in the east overnight, as new satellite images showed an eight-mile convoy of Russian trucks and armored vehicles moving through the east toward the Donbas region, home to a large population of Russian separatists."

Mariupol Mayor: More Than 10,000 Civilians Dead. In a call with the [AP](#) (4/11, Schreck, Anna), Mariupol Mayor Vadym Boychenko "said Monday that more than 10,000 civilians have died in the Russian siege of his city, and that the death toll could surpass 20,000, with corpses that were 'carpeted through the streets.'" [ABC World News Tonight](#) (4/11, 6:32 p.m. EST, lead story, 5:15, Muir, 6.32M) reported, "President Zelensky saying the toll could be in the tens of thousands."

Elsewhere, [Reuters](#) (4/11) reports that Ukrainian authorities in Kharkiv are warning that Russia has dropped scatterable mines on parts of the city, and have cautioned residents against going near them.

Zelensky Warns Russia Could Use Chemical Weapons. [Reuters](#) (4/11) reports Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky "said in his daily video address late on Monday that Russia forces could use chemical weapons in Ukraine, but he did not say that chemical weapons have been already used." The comments follow "unconfirmed reports on Monday suggesting that chemical weapons were used" in Mariupol.

Russia Claims To Have Destroyed Air Defense Systems Supplied By Europe. [Reuters](#) (4/11) reports Russia claimed that it had destroyed some S-300 anti-aircraft missile systems which had been supplied by a European nation on Sunday, but a US official said that Washington had seen an airstrike on the Dnipro airfield, but didn't have evidence of the destruction of any S-300s.

Russia: No Halt To Operations For Peace Talks. [Reuters](#) (4/11) reports Russia "said it would not halt its military operation in Ukraine for any further peace talks."

US, Europe Looking To Boost Arms Shipments To Ukraine, Potentially Including Heavy Weapons.

[CNN](#) (4/11, Grez, 89.21M) reports that the US and Ukraine "are in intensive discussions about a new round of security assistance tailored to combat a stepped-up Russian campaign in eastern and southern Ukraine...according to multiple US defense officials." The package "may center around more drones and Javelin anti-tank weapons," but the US is "also talking to partners and allies in Europe to see what additional long range air defense systems, tanks, armor, and artillery they might be able to provide Ukraine from their own inventories." [Bloomberg](#) (4/11, 3.57M) reports that some of Europe's "least likely warriors are calling for more weapons. On Monday Germany's foreign minister, Annalena Baerbock — from the traditionally pacifist Green Party — called for sending 'more military equipment, above all heavy weapons.' She added: 'There is no time to make excuses.'"

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Zelensky Asks South Korean Parliament For Weapons. Meanwhile, [CNN](#) (4/11, 89.21M) reports Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky "is making increasingly urgent calls for the democratic world to rush arms to 'save Ukraine' as Russia prepares to unleash a concentrated assault in the east." In an "appeal" to South Korea's parliament on Monday, Zelensky said, "Ukraine needs support for its military, including planes and tanks. South Korea has various defense systems that could defend against Russian tanks, ships, and missiles." He added, "If Ukraine can have these weapons, they will not only save the lives of ordinary people, but they'll save Ukraine."

Amid Investigation Into Russian War Crimes, Biden Officials Consider Shifting US Policy On ICC Probes.

The [New York Times](#) (4/11, A1, Savage, 20.6M) reports the Administration is "vigorously debating how much the United States can or should assist an investigation into Russian atrocities in Ukraine by the International Criminal Court in The Hague." The Times says "the Biden team strongly wants to see" Russian President Vladimir Putin "and others in his military chain of command held to account. And many are said to consider the court – which was created by a global treaty two decades ago as a venue for prosecuting war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide – the body most capable of achieving that." However, "laws from 1999 and 2002, enacted by a Congress wary that the court might investigate Americans, limit the government's ability to provide support. And the United States has long objected to any exercise of jurisdiction by the court over citizens of countries that are not part of the treaty that created it – like the United States, but also Russia."

[NBC Nightly News](#) (4/11, 6:35 p.m. EST, story 2, 3:15, Holt, 5.25M) reported that the UN "is investigating reports of sexual violence by Russian forces in Bucha and in other cities across Ukraine. Under international law, rape and sexual assault are considered war crimes." Similarly, The [CBS Evening News](#) (4/11, 6:36 p.m. EST, story 2, 2:40, O'Donnell, 3.78M) reported, "The atrocities in Ukraine have shocked the world, as more alleged war crimes are revealed every day. Meanwhile, many women in Ukraine are living under constant threat and there is growing evidence of sexual violence." Meanwhile, [BBC World News \(UK\)](#) (4/11, 6.59M) reports that its investigation has found first-hand evidence of sexual crimes by Russian troops.

In Moscow, [Reuters](#) (4/11) reports, Russia "said on Monday that the United States and Britain were helping Ukraine prepare fake claims about the alleged persecution of civilians in Ukraine to feed to international media in an attempt to smear Russia." Russia's defense ministry said, "The United States, which has many years of experience in organizing provocations with human victims, continues its campaign to create and promote false 'evidence.'"

EU Continuing To Work On Proposal For Oil Embargo On Russia.

[Reuters](#) (4/11) reports the EU's executive "is drafting proposals for an EU oil embargo on Russia, the foreign ministers of Ireland, Lithuania and the Netherlands said on Monday, although there was no agreement to ban Russian crude. Many of the ministers meeting in Luxembourg showed support for sanctions on Russian oil imports, the EU's top diplomat Josep Borrell said, but for others, such a ban would constitute an 'asymmetric shock,' he said." The [New York Times](#) (4/11, Engelbrecht, 20.6M) reports that while "ministers discussed a possible phaseout of Russian oil, more easily replaceable from other suppliers than gas, the meeting also laid bare the bloc's divisions. Austria, Hungary and Germany opposed any effort, for now, to restrict Russian gas imports."

Meanwhile, [Bloomberg](#) (4/11, 3.57M) reports Russia "recorded the largest current-account surplus since at least 1994, as revenues from oil and gas exports surged and imports plunged after the U.S. and its allies imposed sanctions." The "proceeds have become a critical source of hard currency during the war, enabling authorities to pay for imports, support the economy and restore confidence in the ruble."

Hungary To Continue Paying For Russian Gas With Euros. [Bloomberg](#) (4/11, Simon, 3.57M) reports that Hungarian Foreign Minister Peter Szijjarto confirmed on Monday that his government "will continue to pay for imports of Russian natural gas in euros...ending days of speculation that his nation may pay in rubles in a potential violation of the bloc's sanctions." Hungary's state-owned MVM Zrt. "will continue to wire euros to Gazprombank, which will then covert the sum to rubles, Szijjarto in a video posted on Facebook Monday." According to Bloomberg, "The solution presented by Szijjarto appears to be in line with what other EU members have said they planned to do to secure Russian gas supplies without directly wiring rubles."

Ukraine Pressing West To Seize Russian Assets To Pay For Rebuilding Nation.

[Bloomberg](#) (4/11, 3.57M) reports Ukraine "is pushing allied countries to seize and sell Russian assets including oil tankers, so that the proceeds can be used to pay for the rebuilding of destroyed cities and infrastructure. Negotiations are under way with various countries for the seizure and sale of the assets, said Oleg Ustenko, chief economic adviser" to the Ukrainian president. Ustenko said, "We do believe we can arrest their assets abroad" including Russia's fleet of

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Meanwhile, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (4/11, A1, Osipovich, Fairless, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) looks at the key role being played by Elvira Nabiullina, the governor of the Russian Central Bank, in keeping her nation's economy running amid the disruptions caused by sanctions.

Russia Warns Finland, Sweden Against Joining NATO.

[BBC World News \(UK\)](#) (4/11, 6.59M) reports Russia "has warned Finland and Sweden against joining Nato, arguing the move would not bring stability to Europe." Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said that NATO "remains a tool geared towards confrontation." The comments come as US officials expect the two nations "to bid for membership of the alliance, potentially as early as June."

US, European Officials Believe Putin's Decision To Invade Abetted By Hubris, Isolation.

The [Washington Post](#) (4/11, Sonne, Nakashima, Harris, Hudson, 10.52M) reports that with the Russian setbacks in Ukraine, "questions are mounting about how a Russian leader steeped in security policy and known for railing against the folly of regime-change wars could have sleepwalked into a such a strategic morass. At issue is a broader quandary that will occupy historians for years: How could Russia — a country with such deep familial, cultural and historic ties to its western neighbor — get Ukraine so wrong?" As US and European officials piece together the answer to that question, what is emerging, they say, is "a picture of a hubristic and isolated leader, beset by biases and skewed information, pressing forward with a calamitous decision without consulting his full cohort of advisers."

NYTimes Analysis: Chinese Coverage Of Ukraine Proving Influential Across the Globe.

The [New York Times](#) (4/11, Mozur, Myers, Liu, 20.6M) reports that "in a Chinese Communist Party newspaper, an article declared that Russians had offered definitive evidence to prove that the lurid photos of bodies in the streets of Bucha...were a hoax," and "a party television station...said Ukraine's government had created the grisly tableaux to win sympathy in the West." The Times says the White House has "warned China not to amplify Russia's campaign to sow disinformation about the war in Ukraine," but "the Chinese efforts have intensified anyway." According to the Times, "The result has been to create an alternate reality of the war — not just for the consumption of China's citizens but also for a global audience. The propaganda has challenged the Western efforts to isolate Russia diplomatically, particularly in the Middle East, Africa and Latin America, which have been fertile ground for conspiracy theories and distrust of the United States."

Space Force General: Russia Jamming GPS Satellites Over Ukraine.

In its broadcast, [NBC Nightly News](#) (4/11, 6:51 p.m. EST, story 9, 1:55, Holt, 5.25M) reported Space Force Space Operations Vice Chief Gen. David Thomas is "accusing Russia of jamming the GPS signal US satellites provide to Ukraine." Thomas said Ukrainians "may not be able to use GPS because there are jammers around that prevent them from receiving and using the signal effectively." Thus far, US commanders "say Russia has not attacked US GPS satellites in orbit," although it has conducted anti-satellite demonstrations in the past.

Invasion Of Ukraine Escalating US-Russian Tensions In Space.

The [Los Angeles Times](#) (4/11, Bierman, 3.37M) reports that friction between Washington and Moscow, "most recently aggravated by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, has seeped into space, exacerbating tensions over the rules of behavior there and halting negotiations over space weapons at a time when the battlegrounds of war are moving to the edges of Earth's atmosphere." Jessica West, a senior researcher with Project Ploughshares, "said the invasion of Ukraine has accelerated and reframed many of the conversations around the militarization of space, including the interplay between civilian and government interests." The Times writes she also pointed out "that other countries, including Australia, the United Kingdom, France, India, China, Russia and Japan, have moved toward creating more formalized space commands, like Space Force, a recognition that the battlefield has shifted."

YouTube Blocks Duma TV, Angering Russians.

[Reuters](#) (4/9) reports YouTube "has blocked Duma TV which broadcasts from Russia's lower house of parliament, drawing an angry response from officials who said the world's most popular streaming service could face restrictions in response." The Russian "communications watchdog said it had requested Google restore access to the Duma channel immediately. 'The American IT company adheres to a pronounced anti-Russian position in the information war unleashed

by the West against our country,' Roskomnadzor said."

Pope Francis And Russian Orthodox Patriarch May Meet In Jerusalem.

[Reuters](#) (4/11, Pullella) reports the Vatican is "studying the possibility of extending Pope Francis' trip to Lebanon in June so he can fly to Jerusalem to meet there Russian Orthodox Patriarch Kirill." According to Reuters, "It would be only their second meeting. Their first, in Cuba in 2016, was the first between a pope and a leader of the Russian Orthodox Church since the Great Schism that split Christianity into Eastern and Western branches in 1054." According to Reuters, Kirill "has given his full-throated blessing for Russia's invasion of Ukraine, a position that has splintered the worldwide Orthodox Church."

Artists Fleeing Russia For Finland.

[USA Today](#) (4/11, Abdollah, 12.7M) reports on the "growing numbers of artists who have fled Russia to neighboring Finland in recent weeks. Many have long faced the threat of persecution in Russia for not supporting official stances, but their criticism of the war put them in danger of imprisonment, forcing them to give up their work and make a new home several hours from the Russian border."

Professor Says US Should Have Paid More Attention To Russia's Security Concerns Regarding Ukraine.

Charles A. Kupchan, a professor of international affairs at Georgetown University and a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, writes at the [New York Times](#) (4/11, 20.6M) that President Biden's statement that Vladimir Putin "cannot remain in power," and his later clarification "that he was merely expressing outrage, not announcing a new U.S. policy" shows "the tension in U.S. foreign policy between idealism and realism." The problem is that "Putin could well remain the leader of a major power into the next decade, and Washington will need to deal with him." Kupchan argues that while countries should be free to choose their alignments, yet "it is also true that the West erred in dismissing Russia's legitimate security concerns about NATO" including Ukraine, which "are very much in line with America's own statecraft, which has long sought to keep other major powers away from its borders."

Pelosi Tests Negative For COVID.

[Reuters](#) (4/11, Singh) reports House Speaker Pelosi "tested negative for COVID-19 on Monday after testing positive last week, she said in a tweet." Pelosi tweeted: "Today, happily I tested negative for COVID. Tomorrow, I will be exiting isolation at the direction of the Capitol's Attending Physician and consistent with CDC guidelines for asymptomatic individuals."

AP Analysis: US PPE Manufacturers Shuttering As Mask Demand Wanes.

The [AP](#) (4/11, Lieb) says many companies "that began producing personal protective equipment with patriotic optimism have scaled back, shut down or given up, according to an Associated Press analysis based on numerous interviews with manufacturers. Some already have sold equipment they bought with state government grants." Elected officials previously "touted the need to boost U.S. production of protective gear," but "many manufacturers who answered the call have faced logistical hurdles, regulatory rejections, slumping demand and fierce competition from foreign suppliers." The AP says COVID "revealed that the U.S. was highly dependent on foreign countries for protective gear." Though federal stockpiles "have been replenished, shriveling domestic production has raised concerns that state governments, medical facilities and others could again get stuck scrambling for gear during a future pandemic."

Studies Find Low Risk Of Heart Conditions From COVID Vaccinations.

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (4/11, Loftus, Onque, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports two studies have found the risk of inflammatory heart conditions as a result of COVID vaccination to be relatively low, especially as compared to risks from the virus itself.

Experimental Drug Halves Death Rate Among Critically Ill COVID Patients, Developer Says.

The [New York Times](#) (4/11, Rabin, 20.6M) reports an experimental drug "halved the death rate among critically ill Covid patients who were receiving supplemental oxygen and were at high risk for serious lung disease and death, the drug's developer announced on Monday." The new drug, Sabizabulin, "reduced deaths among hospitalized Covid-19 patients so drastically in a clinical trial that independent safety monitors recommended stopping it early, officials at Veru Inc. the

so drastically in a clinical trial that independent safety monitors recommended stopping it early, officials at Vertex Inc., the drug's maker, said." The trial's results "have not been peer-reviewed or published in a medical journal." No safety concerns "related to the drug were identified in the course of the clinical trial, company officials said." Sabizabulin "is intended only for hospitalized patients at this point, so making it accessible to patients in the United States will be simpler than making it available to outpatients."

White House Expects March CPI To Show High Inflation Persisting.

[The Hill](#) (4/11, Samuels, 5.69M) reports White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki on Monday "said officials are prepared for heightened numbers" when the Labor Department on Tuesday releases March data "from the consumer price index (CPI), a key gauge of inflation." Psaki said, "Because of the actions we've taken to address the Putin price hike, we are in a better place than we were last month." However, she added, "We expect March CPI headline inflation to be extraordinarily elevated, due to Putin's price hike."

Neil Irwin of [Axios](#) (4/11, 1.26M) writes the new inflation reading "looks to be a doozy," as the CPI "will reflect the surge in energy prices tied to the war in Ukraine, which is likely to push the headline number to yet another multi-decade high." According to Irwin, "Analysts surveyed by FactSet expect the release to show 8.4% inflation over the last year, which would be the highest overall inflation rate since December 1981. The rate was 7.9% for the year ended in February." Irwin adds, "Beyond the headline number, the report will include crucial evidence of whether the forces that have driven inflation – largely affecting goods – are starting to fade, and whether rising prices are spreading further into services." [Bloomberg](#) (4/10, 3.57M) says, "March may prove to be the high-water mark for U.S. inflation, but price pressures will likely remain both elevated and persistent against a backdrop of firmer services demand and geopolitical risks."

Boushey Details Biden's Efforts To Slow Inflation. On [CNBC's Squawk Box](#) (4/11, 96K), Heather Boushey, a member of the White House Council of Economic Advisers, was asked what the Administration can do to "fight inflation." Boushey said, "This is an issue the President has been very concerned about and there's been a number of steps he's taken and continues to focus on to make sure we keep costs down for families. So, for example, last week, President Biden talked about making sure that people are eligible for subsidies under the Affordable Care Act actually got them. ... That's just one example. Other announcements is a release of one million barrels of oil a day from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to help keep gas prices down."

[CNBC](#) (4/11, Franck, 7.34M) reports on its website that "few areas of the country have seen inflation as bad as the South, where prices have risen across the 16-state region by an average of 8.4% from a year ago. That compares with year-over-year inflation of 8% in the Midwest, 8.1% in the West and 6.6% in the Northeast, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics." CNBC adds, "As inflation has climbed, Biden's polling has fallen: Just 36% of those surveyed by Gallup say they approve of his handling of the economy in a recent poll, down from 54% in February 2021." Meanwhile, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (4/11, Torry, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports economists say the heightened inflation is driving more people, including retirees, back into the labor force.

Fed Anticipates Rate Hikes Will Curtail Demand For Labor While Slowing Inflation. The [Washington Post](#) (4/11, Siegel, 10.52M) says, "In public remarks, Fed Chair Jerome H. Powell and his colleagues argued that a steady series of seven rate hikes this year can not only bring down soaring inflation, but can also help reset the job market by cooling off demand for labor." According to the Post, "Powell and other Fed officials hope their plan can balance out the job market and help address a worker shortage that's become a fraught feature of the recovery." The Post says Powell "often cites the fact that there are about 1.7 job openings for each person looking for work. 'So that's a very, very tight labor market, tight to an unhealthy level, I would say,' Powell said last month."

Biden To Visit Ethanol Plant In Iowa To Tout Rural Assistance.

[Roll Call](#) (4/11, Ferguson, 130K) reports President Biden "will speak at an Iowa ethanol plant Tuesday as part of the White House pitch that his administration is delivering tangible results for rural America." According to Roll Call, "Biden's trip comes a day after the White House announced that cabinet members and senior administration officials will fan out across the U.S. in April to tout the benefits of a 2021 bipartisan infrastructure law and the availability of billions of dollars for the nation's small towns, tribal and local governments, and community organizations." Roll Call adds the trip to the POET bioprocessing plant near Menlo, Iowa comes with the President "under pressure from the ethanol industry to reinstate a Trump administration policy that allowed the sale of E15, a 15 percent ethanol and 85 percent gasoline mix, from June through September."

In a piece that looks at how the President has historically fared in Iowa, the [AP](#) (4/12, Weissert) reports White House press secretary Jen Psaki said, "The president is not making this trip through a political prism. He's making this trip because Iowa is a rural state in the country that would benefit greatly from the president's policies."

House Appropriations Committee Plans June Markups On F2023 Spending Bills.

[Roll Call](#) (4/11, Krawzak, 130K) reports the House Appropriations Committee "is tentatively planning to take up its fiscal 2023 spending bills in June, teeing up potential floor votes in July, according to people familiar with the schedule." Roll Call adds, "Subcommittees would mark up their 12 annual bills from June 13 to June 22. The full committee would hold its markups from June 22 through June 30."

White House Silent On Negotiations With Manchin Over Revised Build Back Better Bill.

[Politico](#) (4/11, Cancryn, Daniels, 6.73M) reports, "Four months after Biden's Build Back Better plan collapsed amid a bitter back-and-forth with Sen. Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.), the White House is taking a final shot at resuscitating its social spending bill – and this time it's vowing a sharply different approach to the negotiations" by "keeping their ambitions vague. They're steering clear of firm deadlines. Most importantly, they're trying as hard as possible to just not talk about it at all." Manchin has announced "he wants a smaller bill focused chiefly on climate programs and prescription drug reform that would also unravel the Trump-era tax cuts." But while "Manchin wants to prioritize climate and drug pricing provisions, he's left the door open to broader health care actions."

Walsh Says He Is Prepared To Mediate West Coast Port Contract Talks.

[Politico](#) (4/11, Mueller, 6.73M) reports that "more than 22,000 unionized workers at nearly 30 ports along the West Coast are set to begin renegotiating their contract next month against the backdrop of an already-imperiled supply chain." Politico says the talks "have in the past stalled traffic at the busiest ports in the U.S.," and the Biden Administration "plans to...intervene immediately should a breakdown appear imminent" because "even a short-term work stoppage would have major ramifications for the recovery." Labor Secretary Walsh "has visited the ports of Los Angeles, Long Beach, Seattle and Tacoma, Wash., where he said he 'didn't see any tension between the workers and the companies.' But he said he is prepared to make another trip west if either the union or bosses ask him to. 'I offered to both sides: Whatever I can do to be helpful, if needed, with a negotiation,' Walsh said."

WSJournal Criticizes NLRB's Abruzzo For Restricting Captive Audience Meetings.

A [Wall Street Journal](#) (4/11, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) editorial is critical of National Labor Relations Board General Counsel Jennifer Abruzzo for issuing a memo last week that seeks to prohibit companies from holding captive audience meetings to educate members on why they oppose unionization. The Journal characterizes Abruzzo's memo as a violation of the First Amendment and a snub to Congress.

Men Accused Of Impersonating Federal Agents Seek Release Pending Trial.

[Reuters](#) (4/11, Lynch) reports defense attorneys "for two men accused of impersonating federal law enforcement agents and supplying Secret Service personnel with gifts asked a U.S. judge on Monday to release their clients from jail pending trial, saying the government's case was flimsy and lacked evidence they pose a threat." Arian Taherzadeh and Haider Ali "were arrested last week for impersonating Department of Homeland Security agents and four U.S. Secret Service members were suspended from duty, on suspicion the defendants supplied or offered the Secret Service agents rent-free apartments and other gifts." Those who "were offered gifts included an agent assigned to protect President Joe Biden's wife Jill Biden."

[CNN](#) (4/11, Lybrand, Rabinowitz, 89.21M) reports that during a detention hearing Monday "and in court documents earlier, defense attorneys...argued that the Justice Department was overblowing the actions of their clients, triggering a media frenzy full of false accusations." Both men "are still behind bars while Judge Michael Harvey weighs whether to release them before trial. Harvey said he will issue a ruling Tuesday afternoon." DOJ "also revealed new information over the allegations during the hearing, saying it had new witnesses who saw the two men with pistols, and that one of the defendant's lied about illegally owning a rifle."

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (4/11, Corse, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports one of the defendants said he gave the Secret Service agents gifts not to gain favor or influence, but because they were his friends.

St. Louis Prosecutor Reaches Agreement With Disciplinary Panel Over Handling Of Greitens Prosecution.

The [AP](#) (4/11, Salter) reports St. Louis Circuit Attorney Kim Gardner (D) has "reached an agreement with the Missouri

Office of Disciplinary Counsel in which she acknowledges mistakes in her handling of the prosecution” of former Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens (R) but under the “joint stipulation” agreement announced Monday, Gardner “won’t face severe penalties for those mistakes.” The AP says a three-member disciplinary panel would “still need to sign off on the agreement and make a recommendation within 30 days to the Missouri Supreme Court, which ultimately decides punishment. It’s unclear when the court might make a final decision.”

WPost: Scapegoating Bail Reform Will Not Solve Violent Crime.

The [Washington Post](#) (4/11, 10.52M) says in an editorial that New York lawmakers last week, “at the behest of Gov. Kathy Hochul (D), approved changes that criminal justice advocates fear might undermine reform but are not enough for those who want bail reform repealed.” The Post says that concerns “about the increase in violent crime...are not to be discounted.” But “scapegoating bail reform for the rise in crime as the country struggled with the damaging effects of the pandemic won’t make us safer.” The factors that “should determine whether a person presumed innocent should be confined prior to trial are flight risk and potential danger to the public.” The Post opines, “Money should have nothing to do with it.”

WSJournal: New SCOTUS Case Could Clear Up McGirt Ruling.

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (4/11, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) editorializes that SCOTUS’ 2020 ruling on McGirt created legal complications for states, Native Americans, and hate-crime issues. It hopes a forthcoming McGirt-related case, Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta, will disambiguate the ruling, with Justice Coney Barrett’s help.

Harris Announces Effort To Ease Medical Debt Burden.

[CNN](#) (4/11, Luhby, 89.21M) reports the White House “is seeking to help lessen Americans’ medical debt burden, Vice President Kamala Harris announced Monday.” The White House “laid out a four-point plan to help protect consumers. It builds on President Joe Biden’s recent executive order on increasing access to affordable health care coverage.” Harris “began her remarks by noting that some people are contending with the rising cost of living at the same time as they are still trying to pay off hospital bills” from “years ago.” She said, “No one in our nation should have to go bankrupt just to get the health care they need.”

[Bloomberg](#) (4/11, Sink, Cook, 3.57M) reports the efforts “include a push within the federal government to stop considering medical debt when determining eligibility for loans,” thereby making it easier for “those in debt” to “receive more favorable terms on loans to buy or build new homes.” The Department of Veteran Affairs “will also cease reporting of debt that veterans owe the VA for their health coverage to credit reporting agencies, and will modernize programs designed to help former service members have some of their medical debts forgiven.” Bloomberg reports, “One-third of American adults currently have medical debt, with Black and Hispanic households more likely to incur it than White households, according to the White House.”

Administration Moves Toward Minimum Staffing Requirement For Nursing Homes.

[Bloomberg](#) (4/11, Tozzi, 3.57M) reports the Administration “took a first step toward requiring minimum staffing levels in nursing homes.” CMS “asked for public feedback on the issue Monday and said it plans to release a proposal within a year. The agency, which spends \$35 billion a year on nursing home care for the elderly and disabled, said it’s also considering tying some payments to the level of staff turnover, which has been linked to quality of care.” The proposal “is part of President Joe Biden’s broad agenda to bring greater scrutiny to a U.S. nursing-home industry whose patients and workers have been devastated by Covid-19.” Nursing facilities “say they’ve lost about 15% of their workforce since the pandemic began, even as employment in other health-care settings has rebounded.”

Agriculture Department Pledges \$37M For Hospital In Wyoming.

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (4/11, Spegele, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports the US Agriculture Department pledged \$37M in loans for a project to build a new hospital in Wyoming, after a small city’s only hospital shuttered childbirth services, among others. The Journal says the loan comprises most of what the city needs to build the hospital.

Schumer Facing “Significant Obstacles” In Push To Legalize Marijuana.

[The Hill](#) (4/11, Folley, Evers-Hillstrom, 5.69M) says in an analysis that Senate Majority Leader Schumer “is facing significant obstacles in his legislative push to legalize marijuana, with resistance from Republicans and members of his own party threatening chances of passage in the upper chamber.” Schumer “has said that his aim is to bring a comprehensive marijuana reform bill forward later this month. weeks after the House passed a bill that would remove

marijuana from the federal controlled substances list." Republican opposition "is one of the biggest hurdles Schumer faces in passing a measure through the evenly split Senate, where Democrats would need the backing of all of their members and at least 10 Republicans to make the bill law." But Schumer "also faces a tall task in unifying Democrats on a path forward to legalization."

Legal Marijuana Sales In New Jersey Expected To Begin Within Weeks.

[Bloomberg](#) (4/11, Young, 3.57M) reports that "the first New Jersey recreational pot sales got approval from a state regulatory board on Monday," and "retail marijuana sales could begin in as little as 30 days." The state's Cannabis Regulatory Commission "gave permission to seven medical marijuana dispensaries to expand. Sales are restricted to buyers age 21 and older."

The [New York Times](#) (4/11, Tully, 20.6M) reports that the action came "a year and a half after New Jersey residents voted to legalize cannabis." The commission "ushered in a seismic cultural change, making New Jersey the second state on the East Coast to fully authorize sales of cannabis to all adults." According to the Times, "For years, the state's medical-marijuana dispensaries had been permitted to sell cannabis only to buyers with permission from a doctor to use the drug as medicine. Recreational adult-use sales are permitted to start as soon as each of the seven companies pays upward of \$1 million in fees associated with the expanded licenses and satisfies other bureaucratic requirements to gain final approval."

Texas Judge Dismisses Murder Charge In Abortion Case.

[USA Today](#) (4/10, Stanton, 12.7M) reports a Texas judge "dismissed a murder charge Monday against" Lizelle Herrera, "who was arrested in 'the death of an individual by self-induced abortion,' according to court documents." The ruling "came after the local district attorney filed a motion earlier Monday to dismiss the murder charge, citing insufficient evidence." Starr County DA wrote in a news release Sunday, "In reviewing applicable Texas law, it is clear that Ms. Herrera cannot and should not be prosecuted for the allegation against her." USA Today reports it is "unclear whether Herrera was accused of having a self-induced abortion or whether she helped someone else get an abortion, and the sheriff's office did not say under which law Herrera was charged."

Jury Convicts Former Police Officer In Second Jan. 6 Trial.

The [AP](#) (4/11, Kunzelman) reports a federal jury on Monday convicted former Rocky Mount, Virginia Police Officer Thomas Robertson on "all six counts he faced stemming from the Jan. 6, 2021, riot, including charges that he interfered with police officers at the Capitol and that he entered a restricted area with a dangerous weapon, a large wooden stick." The AP says his jury trial "was the second among hundreds of Capitol riot cases," and "the first ended last month with jurors convicting a Texas man, Guy Reffitt, of all five counts in his indictment." The [Washington Post](#) (4/11, Hsu, 10.52M) reports Robertson's bond was "revoked last summer after he stockpiled firearms and endorsed political violence." [Politico](#) (4/11, Cheney, 6.73M) reports his trial "featured harrowing footage of the mob and testimony from a co-defendant who once served with him on the force" and says the outcome "was a boost for the Justice Department, which has now won both Jan. 6-related jury trials that have been completed to date."

Judge Delays June Trial For Two Men Involved In Riot. [Reuters](#) (4/11, Lynch) reports

US District Judge Thomas Hogan on Monday postponed a June trial date for Julian Khater of State College, Pennsylvania and George Pierre Tanios of Morgantown, West Virginia to October "after an attorney for one of the defendants expressed optimism a plea deal could be reached." Reuters says that the men are facing "multiple criminal charges including assaulting at least three U.S. Capitol and Washington police officers with a chemical agent."

Media Analyses: House Select Committee Facing "Decision Time" As Public Hearings Planned. A [Politico](#) (4/11, Cheney, Wu, 6.73M) analysis says the House Select Committee has

arrived at "decision time," as it "has entered the final phase of its eight-month investigation and is preparing to reveal a swath of evidence to the public in hearings slated to begin sometime in the spring." However, Politico says that as the nine lawmakers on the committee prepare to reveal their "voluminous findings, committee members are facing a handful of momentous choices about how to close out its probe, as well as what aspects are best left alone." Politico outlines "five endgame scenarios the committee must confront before going public" while a [CNN](#) (4/11, 89.21M) analysis says "many questions remain," including "whether the committee will suggest charging either Trump or his closest advisers or family members with a crime" and whether the Justice Department "would choose to prosecute such a crime," and "what the House committee has."

US Teens Recruited To Transport Migrants Across Southern Border.

[Reuters](#) (4/11, Hay, Frandino, Malcolm) reports there is a "growing number of U.S. teenagers in communities from Texas to California recruited to transport migrants crossing the Southwest border, according to" CBP. Around "one in

Texas to California recruited to transport migrants crossing the Southwest border, according to CBP. Around one in four drivers caught smuggling migrants last year in the Sunland Park-Santa Teresa area were children, most U.S. citizens living locally, according to the agency. Recruiters "tell both Mexican and U.S. teens they are unlikely to face legal consequences because they are minors, according to around two dozen government and law enforcement officials, attorneys, migrant advocates and local residents Reuters spoke to." US children "as young as 14 learn of the work from social media and friends and transport mainly Mexican adults." The job "can be dangerous and federal authorities in New Mexico appear keen to crack down on the juvenile drivers."

IC Assesses Putin May Take "More Aggressive Action" To Interfere With US Elections.

[CNN](#) (4/11, Bertrand, Cohen, Lillis, Lyngaas, 89.21M) reports the US believes Russian President Vladimir Putin may be "willing to take more aggressive action against the US, including dialing up his attempts to interfere with American elections in response to its support for Ukraine, according to four sources familiar with recent US intelligence assessments." That could include "direct attacks on US election infrastructure, among a broad range of options, the sources said." Whereas previously Putin was "less willing to try to directly interfere in states' voting systems – opting instead to order scans of voter registration databases and conduct influence campaigns to sow doubt in the legitimacy of elections – intelligence officials believe Putin may now be willing to go further than in previous interference efforts." Another source "familiar with the intelligence" said that one of the options could be "directly attacking election infrastructure," reflecting "a change in Putin's risk tolerance, as we have seen with his invasion of Ukraine."

McCarthy Says Republicans Should Not Pursue Impeaching Biden For "Political Purposes."

[The Hill](#) (4/11, Brooks, 5.69M) reports that in an appearance on Fox Business on Sunday, House Minority Leader McCarthy "vowed that Republicans will focus on 'holding this administration accountable' if they win the House majority in the 2022 midterms, and he left the door open to impeachment if they find that laws were broken," but he "declined to throw his support behind impeaching President Biden, a move that several of his House Republican colleagues have called for, warning against doing so for 'political purposes.'" McCarthy said Democrats "used impeachment for political reason" and asserted that in contrast, Republicans "believe in the rule of law." McCarthy added, "We're not going to pick and choose just because somebody has power. We're going to uphold the law. At any time, if someone breaks the law and the ramification becomes impeachment, we would move towards that. But we're not going to use it for political purposes."

Democrats Seek Midterm Strategy As Biden Struggles To Improve Approval Rating.

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (4/11, Lucey, Leary, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports that as polls show President Biden continuing to struggle to improve his approval rating, Democrats are looking to find popular policies to rally behind ahead of the midterm elections.

Gail Collins and Bret Stephens write in the [New York Times](#) (4/11, 20.6M), in one of their "conversations" with Collins saying, "Democrats need to run on ways to make the country better" including "reducing health care costs," and "reducing the deficit with a tax on the very rich." Stephens replied, "The administration seems to be taking your advice on both points, though I'm not sure it will help them all that much by November."

House Democrats Introduce Bill To Require Companies Provide Time Off For Voting.

[Reuters](#) (4/11, Warburton) reports House Democrats on Monday "proposed legislation requiring employers give their workers paid time off to vote, following failed attempts by Congress to pass major voting rights legislation earlier this year." In a statement, Rep. Nikema Williams (D-GA) said that the "Time Off to Vote Act" would help states reduce lines at polling places, while Rep. Andy Levin (D-MI) said it would "ensure no worker has to sacrifice their wages or jeopardize their job security to exercise their sacred right to vote." Reuters says President Biden "led" Democrats earlier this year to try to get "major voting rights legislation passed, but were prevented by two centrist Democratic senators' refusal to eliminate the filibuster in the Senate, a mechanism that requires most bills to gain at least 60 votes in order to advance. All 50 Senate Republicans also opposed the broad voting rights legislation."

As It Looks To Reopen, FDA Grappling With Mouse Infestation At Headquarters.

[Politico](#) (4/11, Lim, Gardner, 6.73M) reports FDA "is grappling with field mice at its headquarters, an infestation exacerbated by food left behind in offices that have been largely unoccupied during the Covid-19 pandemic, the agency confirmed to POLITICO. ... Pest-control problems in Washington-area buildings were not unusual prior to the pandemic." But the "rodent problem worsened during the pandemic, forcing the agency to assign some employees returning to the campus after two years to temporary desks and ask others to continue to telework." FDA "is working with the General Services Administration to develop a plan to clean and sanitize office space." FDA spokesperson Stephanie Caccamo "noted that all large government and non-government campuses deal with pest control as part of routine facility maintenance."

Congressional Chairs Demand Answers From FDA Over Food Issues.

[Politico](#) (4/11, Bottemiller Evich, 6.73M) reports the chairs of "two powerful committees in the House and Senate that oversee FDA are demanding answers in response to a POLITICO investigation into the agency's failure to act on a slew of pressing food safety and nutrition issues." Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA) "sent a strongly-worded letter to FDA Commissioner Robert Califf Monday afternoon seeking 'immediate action to ensure the FDA is doing all it can to fulfill all aspects of its mission to protect the health and safety of the American people.'" Among other requests, Murray "asked for an outline of steps the commissioner plans to take to improve food safety, in writing, by April 25." He "also requested a detailed breakdown" of inspections and testing from the past decade.

California Utility Agrees To Pay \$55M For Major Wildfires.

The [AP](#) (4/11, Rodriguez) reports Pacific Gas & Electric, "the nation's largest utility, has agreed to pay more than \$55 million to avoid criminal prosecution for two major wildfires sparked by its aging Northern California power lines and submit to five years of oversight in an attempt to prevent more deadly blazes." The company "didn't acknowledge any wrongdoing in the settlement announced Monday." It "still faces criminal charges for a 2020 wildfire in Shasta County that killed four people." The settlements "are designed to accelerate payments to hundreds of people whose homes were destroyed...in 2017 and 2018 blazes ignited by PG&E's equipment." Those fires "prompted the utility to negotiate settlements that included \$13.5 billion earmarked for victims - money that still hasn't been completely distributed."

Power Restored To Puerto Rico Nearly Five Days After "Island-Wide" Blackout.

The [AP](#) (4/11, Coto) reports a private company "announced Monday that power had been fully restored to Puerto Rico's almost 1.5 million customers nearly five days after a fire at a main power plant sparked an island-wide blackout and prompted public schools and government agencies to close." Officials "are now focused on investigating what exactly caused the failure of a circuit breaker at a substation within the Costa Sur power plant in southern Puerto Rico." The outage "comes as Puerto Rico's Electric Power Company tries to emerge from a bankruptcy-like process and restructure some \$9 billion in debt. The utility has long struggled with corruption, mismanagement and a lack of investment in the electric grid."

Sikhs Sue Marine Corps For Violating Right To Exercise Religion.

The [New York Times](#) (4/11, Philipps, 20.6M) reports four Sikhs on Monday "sued the Marine Corps in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, saying the corps's refusal to grant a religious waiver" for wearing beards and long hair "is arbitrary and discriminatory, and violates the constitutional right to free exercise of their religion." The men were "told they must shave their beards and cut their hair for boot camp, where all Marines receive basic training, and only afterward would be able to apply for a religious exemption." The Times says the lawsuit "is emblematic of the larger struggle the tradition-bound military faces in trying to attract personnel in an increasingly diverse nation, while preserving practices that took root when its ranks were almost entirely white, male and Christian."

AP Analysis: Democrats Facing Challenges In Iowa.

An [AP](#) (4/11, Beaumont) analysis says 14 years after the "overwhelmingly white state" of Iowa became former President Barack Obama's "unlikely launching pad to become the nation's first Black president," Iowans "aren't showing a similar embrace for the woman running to become its first Black governor." According to the AP, Deidre DeJean (D) "is finding Iowa a much changed place, trending staunchly conservative, endorsing many aspects of Trumpism, with an electorate that is so far displaying little interest in her history-making candidacy." The AP characterizes the changes as

"part of a broader transformation that has spread through the Northern Plains over the past two decades, making it increasingly difficult for Democrats to compete in the region even as they make inroads in other places like the Deep South and Sun Belt."

Morning Consult Polls: Trump Remains Popular With GOP Voters In Key Battleground States.

[The Hill](#) (4/11, Crisp, 5.69M) reports former President Donald Trump “remains overwhelmingly popular among Republican voters in key battleground states heading into the midterm election cycle, according to” Morning Consult surveys conducted last month, which showed “nearly 4 in 5 Republican voters surveyed in Georgia, North Carolina, Ohio and Pennsylvania rated Trump favorably.” The Hill adds Trump “had slightly higher favorability in Georgia (86 percent) and North Carolina (87 percent) than he did in Ohio (80 percent) and Pennsylvania (77 percent).” The Hill says the polls “suggest that Trump-backed candidates in those states could greatly benefit from the former president’s support, even as some of his recent endorsements have fallen flat.”

Senate Democrats Post Record Q1 Fundraising.

[The Hill](#) (4/11, Manchester, 5.69M) reports that Senate Democrats facing “competitive races are touting record first-quarter fundraising hauls as the party prepares to defend its narrow majority in November.” The Hill says Sen. Mark Kelly (D-AZ) “raised \$11.3 million in the first quarter, bringing his cash on hand total to \$23.2 million,” Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV) “raked in \$4.4 million during the first quarter” with a reelection campaign that “boasts \$11 million cash on hand,” and Sen. Maggie Hassan (D-NH) “raised \$4.3 million in the same time period, leaving her with \$7.5 million in the bank.” According to The Hill, “Democrats say the trend leaves their incumbents in a strong position as their Republican challengers work to get through crowded primary fields.” However, The Hill adds Republicans “are quick to note their fundraising gains in the first quarter,” with the National Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee (NRSC) “rais[ing] a whopping \$43 million during the first quarter.”

Finkenauer To Appeal After Judge Rules She Cannot Appear On Iowa Primary Ballot.

The [AP](#) (4/11, Pitt) reports an Iowa state court judge on Sunday “concluded that Democrat Abby Finkenauer cannot appear on the June 7 primary ballot for U.S. Senate, knocking off the candidate considered by many to be the party’s best chance to unseat Republican U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley.” Judge Scott Beattie, “a 2018 appointee of Republican Gov. Kim Reynolds, filed a ruling...that overturned a decision by a three-member panel of state elected officials,” which had “concluded last week that Finkenauer’s campaign staffers had substantially complied with Iowa law that requires candidates to obtain 3,500 names, including at least 100 signatures from at least 19 counties.” However, the AP says Finkenauer “plans to appeal the decision and the Iowa Supreme Court scheduled a hearing Wednesday with a promise to rule on the matter by the end of the week to meet deadlines for sending ballots to overseas voters.”

Meanwhile, [CNN](#) (4/11, Merica, Cohen, 89.21M) says that although Finkenauer “has blamed Republicans for her signature issues, Democratic operatives in Iowa have been quietly aghast at how a statewide candidate, let alone someone who successfully ran for Congress recently, cut it so close on the signatures needed to make the ballot.”

[Axios](#) (4/11, Gonzalez, 1.26M) says that Finkenauer “served one term in the House after beating incumbent Rep. Rod Blum (R) in 2018, but she lost her re-election bid in 2020.” [The Hill](#) (4/11, Schnell, 5.69M) provides similar coverage.

Budd, Trump’s Pick In North Carolina GOP Senate Primary, Is Now The Frontrunner.

[Politico](#) (4/11, Allison, 6.73M) reports Rep. Ted Budd (R-NC), former President Donald Trump’s “chosen candidate” in the North Carolina GOP Senate primary, “after struggling for months...has a commanding advantage” in the polls, “ending speculation that the [Trump] badly miscalculated with his early and unexpected endorsement of the little known House member. ... ‘I’m very proud of that man,’ Trump said of Budd at a Saturday rally here in eastern North Carolina.” Politico says Trump, “calling Budd ‘by far the best candidate in the race,’ teased an unnamed poll he said he had seen earlier in the day showing Budd with a 17-point lead in the primary – a stark contrast with polls in late February that showed Budd six to 11 points behind former Gov. Pat McCrory.” According to Politico, “Budd’s surge coincides with a deluge of spending by the Club for Growth, a conservative super PAC pouring \$15 million into the Republican primary to support his candidacy.”

McCormick Shifting Strategy After Trump Endorses Oz.

[Bloomberg](#) (4/11, Niquette, 3.57M) reports David McCormick (R) is moving to “readjust his strategy for the Republican Senate primary in Pennsylvania after Donald Trump’s surprise endorsement of the other top contender, celebrity physician Mehmet Oz.” Bloomberg adds McCormick “started airing an ad Monday on broadcast and cable television in response to the Trump endorsement accusing Oz of being ‘a complete and total fraud.’” [The Hill](#) (4/11, Avoked, 5.69M)

response to the Trump endorsement accusing Oz of being a complete and total fraud. [The Hill](#) (4/11, Axelrod, 5.69M) says Oz has previously taken positions on “issues such as ObamaCare, abortion and guns [that] have sparked frustration among hard-line populists – who also happen to be some of Trump’s staunchest backers.” The Hill suggests this is “an indication that the endorsement will not automatically deliver Oz the nomination.”

Internal Poll Shows Hartzler Overtaking Greitens In Missouri GOP Senate Primary.

[Politico](#) (4/11, Allison, 6.73M) reports that Rep. Vicky Hartzler (R-MO) “is surging toward the front of the pack in Missouri’s GOP Senate primary, reordering a crowded race that’s long been marked by former Gov. Eric Greitens’ lead in the polls.” According to Politico, “For the first time since he entered the primary a year ago, Greitens’ grip on the Republican base has lifted – a slide in support in recent weeks attributed to new allegations of domestic violence raised by Greitens’ ex-wife.” Politico says Hartzler is “now neck and neck with Greitens in the open seat race, according to multiple surveys conducted since Sheena Greitens filed court documents March 21 in a child custody dispute alleging her ex-husband abused her and their young son. ... A new internal poll conducted by Hartzler’s campaign...shows Hartzler up 7 percentage points, to 23 percent, since they last polled in January, and Greitens down 8 points, now at 22 percent.”

RSLC Planning To Target State Court Elections Following Adverse Redistricting Rulings.

[Reuters](#) (4/11, Ax, Renshaw) reports Republicans “are vowing to spend record amounts in key state supreme court races this fall, seeking to take advantage of a favorable national political environment to elect conservative judges at the state level amid deep political divisions.” Reuters adds the Republican State Leadership Committee (RSLC) “plans to pour more than \$5 million into the most high-profile contests. That would be a record for the group, which is one of dozens of organizations and political action committees likely to spend money on the races.”

Georgia Activists Consider How To Turn Out Voters Despite New Restrictions.

The [Washington Post](#) (4/11, Brown, 10.52M) says that “with no signs of progress in President Biden’s push for voting rights bills,” voting rights advocates “are now confronting a new challenge: How to turn out voters despite the restrictions passed by state Republicans in the wake of Biden’s upset win there.” The Post reports that on Tuesday, “more than a dozen voting rights groups, spearheaded by faith leaders, will gather at The King Center in Atlanta to rally their organizations in the run-up to the midterms – and plot their strategy to outmaneuver new regulations they see as limiting access to the ballot.” The Post adds that the “mostly nonpartisan” groups, which are “also aligned with Democratic efforts, aim to show GOP leaders that their work will continue in the face of the law.”

Abrams-Backed Lawsuit Over 2018 Georgia Gubernatorial Race Begins Trial.

[The Hill](#) (4/11, Beals, 5.69M) reports a lawsuit “backed by Georgia gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams went to trial on Monday over the state’s alleged mismanagement of the 2018 election.” The Hill says the Abrams-founded Fair Fight Action has “accused state officials of mismanaging the election in a manner that led to voter suppression” and “specifically claims that the election violated the First, 14th and 15th Amendments in the U.S. Constitution, as well as the Voting Rights Act of 1965.”

Willick: Republicans Committed Blunder In Attacks On Ketanji Brown Jackson.

Jason Willick writes in his column for the [Washington Post](#) (4/11, 10.52M), that “Republicans committed a tactical blunder with their aggressive offensive against Ketanji Brown Jackson,” though “the damage is probably modest, but it might not remain so if Republicans don’t adjust their strategy.” The reason, Willick contends, is that “the GOP has created the first solidly conservative Supreme Court majority in generations,” and “Jackson’s confirmation was never in doubt.”

The Big Picture

Headlines From Today’s Front Pages.

Wall Street Journal:

[Elon Musk, Again An Outsider At Twitter, Emerges As Unshackled Wild Card For Company](#)

[Ukraine's Zelensky Calls For More Military Aid Ahead Of Battles In Eastern Regions](#)
[Moscow's Central Banker Dismantles What She Built](#)
[New Relief For The Really Bored: Watching Another Grounded Cargo Ship](#)
[Investors Turn Cautious On Consumer Debt](#)

New York Times:

[No More 'Have A Nice Day': Lviv Learns To Live With War](#)
[Far From Defeated, Putin Intends To Escalate War In Ukraine](#)
[Twitter Grapples With An Elon Musk Problem](#)
[US Weighs Shift To Support Hague Court As It Investigates Russian Atrocities](#)
[A One-Woman Rescue Squad For Homeless Students](#)
[As Remote Work Becomes Permanent, Can Manhattan Adapt?](#)

Washington Post:

[US Hunt For Russian Oligarchs' Fortunes Faces Barriers Offshore](#)
[Life Under A Cloud For People With Down Syndrome](#)
[New Assault In East Ukraine Expected](#)
[Lerners To Explore Selling Nationals](#)
[The Battleground Over Black Voting Rights: Alabama. Again.](#)

Financial Times:

[Macron And Le Pen Begin Final Sprint In French Election Run-off](#)
[Ukraine Calls For Financial Support To Ensure Country's 'Survival'](#)
[China Approves New Online Games As Crackdown Eases](#)
['Welcome Back To Old Pakistan': Imran Khan's Ousting Marks Return Of Political Dynasties](#)

Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:

ABC: Ukraine Braces For Russian Assault In The East; US COVID/Mask Mandates; US Weather; President Biden Announces Crackdown On Ghost Guns; Investigation Into Death Of Dwayne Haskins; Some Airlines May Cut Flights This Summer; French Presidential Runoff Election; Shark Attack In Florida; Remembering Mimi Reinhart; One Of The Last K-Marts Is Closing; Julian Lennon Holds Benefit Event For Ukraine.

CBS: Ukraine Braces For Russian Assault In The East; Russian Forces Accused Of Sexually Assaulting Ukrainians; US COVID/Rise In Cases; COVID Lockdown In China; Rising Price Of Eggs; President Biden Announces Crackdown On Ghost Guns; US Weather; Explosion At UPS Warehouse In LA; Investigation Into Death Of Dwayne Haskins; Masters Golf Tournament; Julian Lennon Holds Benefit Event For Ukraine.

NBC: Ukraine Braces For Russian Assault In The East; Russian Forces Accused Of Sexually Assaulting Ukrainians; US COVID/Mask Mandates; US Weather; Former Officer Found Guilty In January 6 Trial; President Biden Announces Crackdown On Ghost Guns; New Turn Signal App Provides Legal Support During Traffic Stops; Hate Crime Guilty Plea; Russia Accused Of Jamming GPS Over Ukraine; Influential Black Architect Paul R. Williams.

Network TV At A Glance:

Ukraine Braces For Russian Assault In The East – 13 minutes
US COVID/Mask Mandates – 7 minutes
Russian Forces Accused Of Sexually Assaulting Ukrainians – 5 minutes, 55 seconds
President Biden Announces Crackdown On Ghost Guns – 4 minutes, 50 seconds
US Weather – 3 minutes, 45 seconds
Julian Lennon Holds Benefit Event For Ukraine – 3 minutes, 40 seconds

Today's Events in Washington

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White House:

President Biden — receives the President's Daily Brief, visits POET Bioprocessing – Menlo, makes an announcement on his Administration's actions to lower costs for working families, reduce the impact of Putin's Price Hike, and Build a Better America with Bipartisan Infrastructure Law investments in rural communities.

Vice President Harris — visits Philadelphia to highlight Administration commitment to workers

US Senate:

- [Senate Special Committee on Aging field hearing on proposals to lower prescription drug costs](#) – Field hearing on ‘No Time to Wait: Proposals to Lower Prescription Drug Costs’, with testimony from AARP Arizona State Director Dana Kennedy; Valle del Sol Community Health Chief Medical Officer Dr Suganya Karuppana; Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans Executive Director Dora Vasquez; Banner MD Anderson Cancer Center Associate Manager of Pharmacy Patient Advocacy Jenny Peña; and MS patient Judy Wilson

Location: Phoenix, AZ; 11:00 AM

US House: The House of Representatives is on recess from April 8 to April 25.

General Events:

- [FDA meeting on Prescription Drug User Fees Act](#) – FDA public meeting entitled ‘Prescription Drug User Fee Act of 2017; Electronic Submissions and Data Standards’

Location: Virtual Event; 9:00 AM

- [AEI discussion on climate change implications for agricultural, food security, and policy responses](#) – ‘Climate change, agriculture, food security, and policy’ American Enterprise Institute discussion, on ‘how to get agricultural and other policy responses ‘right’ at the national and international level’. Panels focus on global issues (featuring International Food Policy Research Institute’s Mark Rosegrant, Wageningen University & Research’s Justus Wesseler, University of California- Berkeley’s David Zilberman, and AEI’s Eric Belasco) and the likely impacts of current and proposed U.S. agricultural policies on greenhouse gas emissions (featuring AGree Executive Director Deborah Atwood, Environmental Working Group Government Affairs Senior Vice President Scott Faber, U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of Energy and Environmental Policy Director William Hohenstein, International Food Policy Research Institute’s Will Martin, and AEI’s Barry Goodwin)

Location: American Enterprise Institute, 1789 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC; 9:00 AM

- [Stimson Center Forum on the Arms Trade Annual Conference](#)

Location: Virtual Event; 9:30 AM

- [Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Joint Committee meeting](#)

Location: Virtual Event; 12:00 PM

- [Meridian Diplomacy Forum 2022, titled ‘Statecraft in the New Frontiers: Ocean, Arctic and Space’](#)

Location: Meridian International Center, 1630 Crescent Pl NW, Washington, DC; 1:00 PM

- [AEI discussion on Virginia’s plan for public education](#) – ‘Virginia Education Secretary Aimee Guidera on the Virginia plan for public education’ American Enterprise Institute discussion, on ‘the Glenn Youngkin administration’s education policy priorities and how Gov. Youngkin’s leadership fits into the landscape of American education’. Participants include Virginia Education Secretary Aimee Guidera in conversation with AEI’s Frederick Hess

Location: Virtual Event; 4:30 PM

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