

**February 08, 2017**

Wednesday

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM

**All-Staff Meeting and Meet & Greet with Sec. Betsy DeVos -- Barnard Auditorium, LBJ, and Online  
Employees are invited to the first All-Staff Meeting with  
Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos**

Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2:00 PM -2:30 PM ET

Barnard Auditorium, LBJ Building and on [Mediasite](#)\* and [EDstream](#)\* with live captioning. Sign-language interpreting will be provided.

**AGENDA**

Welcoming Remarks, Acting General Counsel **Phil Rosenfelt**

Remarks from Secretary of Education **Betsy DeVos**

Informal Meet and Greet

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**February 10, 2017**

Friday

10:15 AM - 11:25 AM

**Tour of Jefferson Academy -- 801 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20024**

12:15 PM - 12:30 PM

**Depart LBJ en route DCA --**

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1:00 PM - 1:00 PM

**DC: DCA**

**February 13, 2017**

Monday

7:00 AM - 9:30 AM

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7:00 AM - 7:15 AM

**Interview with Paul W. Smith (T)**

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

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10:00 AM - 11:45 AM

12:00 PM - 12:15 PM

**Depart DCA en route LBJ Education Building --**

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LBJ Education Building: 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202

Approx. Drive Time: 10 minutes

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

**Meeting with Cal Thomas (T) -- Office of the Secretary**

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

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3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**Beachhead Briefing (T) -- Office of the Secretary**

Agenda forthcoming

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

**Gainful Employment Briefing -- Office of the Secretary**

Including: Jim Manning, Stanley Buchevsky, Jason Botel, Josh Venable, FSA, OPE & other Senior Department Leadership

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**Beachhead Briefing -- Office of the Secretary**

Agenda forthcoming

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**Milken Institute "New Congress, New Administration" Reception (T) -- Hay Adams, 800 16th Street NW, Washington, DC 20006**

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**Videoconference with** (b)(6)

**-- Secretary's Conference Room**

## February 13, 2017 Continued

Monday

8:00 PM - 8:10 PM

Depart Hay Adams en route

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## February 14, 2017

Tuesday

7:00 AM - 7:15 AM

Interview with Michael Patrick Shiels -- Via phone from hotel

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Call with Tony Evers (WI) CCSSO -- Off-site

Secretary to call Tony at

(b)(6)

(Samantha will connect)

Briefing: Sarah Delahunty

9:45 AM - 10:00 AM

Depart

(b)(6),(b)(7)(F)

en route White House

10:30 AM - 11:20 AM

Parent/Teacher Roundtable -- WH - Roosevelt Room

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

HOLD for Lunch

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Speech Prep for Magnet Schools Conference -- Office of the Secretary

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

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3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Call with Carey Wright (MS) CCSSO -- Office of the Secretary

Secretary DeVos to give Carey Wright a call on her cell phone. Office number provided as back-up.

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Cell

601-359-3512 - Office

4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Call with Randi Weingarten -- Office of the Secretary

Secretary DeVos to call Randi Weingarten at

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to be connected.

4:45 PM - 4:50 PM

Call with John Kline -- LBJ - Office of the Secretary

Secretary to call Rep. John Kline on his cell phone at

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5:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Depart LBJ Education Building en route Marriott Wardman Park

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Special Olympics Capitol Day Dinner -- Marriott Wardman Park, 2660 Woodley Road NW, Washington, DC 20008

Contact: Dr. Tim Shriver, 202-824-0242; tshriver@specialolympics.org

8:00 PM - 8:15 PM

Depart Marriott Wardman Park en route

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**February 15, 2017**

**Wednesday**

**8:00 AM - 9:00 AM**

**Office Time --** (b)(6),(b)(7)(F)

**9:00 AM - 9:15 AM**

**Interview with Frank Beckmann**

**9:30 AM - 9:50 AM**

**Depart** (b)(6),(b)(7)(F) **en route LBJ Education Building**

**10:00 AM - 10:30 AM**

**International Summit Pre-Briefing -- Office of the Secretary**  
Everyone,

We would like to put a hold on your calendars to discuss the International Summit of the Teaching Profession (ISTP) from March 29<sup>th</sup>-March 31<sup>st</sup>. Please let me know if you have any conflicts.

Thanks –  
Sarah

Attendees: Josh Venable, Jason Botel, Maureen McLaughlin, Joe Conaty, Phil Rosenfelt

**11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

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**12:00 PM - 1:00 PM**

**Working Lunch with Josh Venable and Dougie Simmons -- Office of the Secretary**

**1:00 PM - 2:00 PM**

**Call Time -- Office of the Secretary**

**2:00 PM - 2:30 PM**

**Speech Prep -- Office of the Secretary**

**2:40 PM - 3:00 PM**

**Depart LBJ Education Building en route Marriott Marquis**

**3:45 PM - 4:40 PM**

**Magnet Schools of America Conference -- Marriot Marquis, 901 Massachussets Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001**

**4:10 PM - 4:25 PM**

**Depart Marriott Marquis en route LBJ Education Building**

**5:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

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-- **Office of the Secretary**

**Attendees:**

Josh Venable, Jason Botel, Jim Manning, Gillum Ferguson, Matt Frendewey, Ebony Lee, Bob Eitel, Andrew Kossack, Justin Riemer, Stan Buchesky

**6:00 PM - 6:15 PM**

**Depart LBJ Education Building en route** (b)(6),(b)(7)(F)

**7:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

**Tentative HOLD -- TBC**



**February 16, 2017**

Thursday

7:30 AM - 7:45 AM	Depart (b)(6),(b)(7)(F) en route Marriott Wardman Park
8:00 AM - 8:15 AM	Republican State Leadership Committee (RSLC) Chairman Bill McCollum -- In Car Call (b)(6)
8:15 AM - 8:45 AM	American Association of Community Colleges -- Marriott Wardman Park, 2660 Woodley Road NW, Washington, DC 20008
8:50 AM - 9:30 AM	Interview with Jonathan Swan of Axios -- Capital Boardroom - Marriott Wardman Park, 2660 Woodley Road NW, Washington, DC 20008
9:35 AM - 9:55 AM	Depart Marriott Wardman Park en route LBJ Education Building
10:15 AM - 10:45 AM	Meeting with Andreas Schleicher -- Office of the Secretary
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Department Briefing - ESSA Implementation -- Secretary's Conference Room
11:10 AM - 11:25 AM	Phone Call with AG Jeff Sessions -- Office of the Secretary Sarah -- She will need to step out of the ESSA Briefing to make this call. Please have BDV call Peggi Hanrahan at (b)(6) and Peggi will connect her to the AG.
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Working Lunch with Al Hubbard -- Office of the Secretary
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Office Time -- Office of the Secretary
2:00 PM - 2:15 PM	HOLD: Call with Speaker Paul Ryan -- Speaker Ryan to Call Sec. DeVos's cell
2:15 PM - 2:45 PM	Meeting with Diana Banister -- Office of the Secretary Dept of Ed Attendees with BDV: Josh Venable
3:00 PM - 3:15 PM	Depart LBJ Education Building en route DCA -- (b)(6),(b)(7)(F) (b)(6),(b)(7)(F)
3:30 PM - 5:20 PM	(b)(6),(b)(7)(F)

**February 17, 2017**

Friday

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9:00 AM - 10:40 AM

## February 17, 2017 Continued

Friday

10:55 AM - 11:10 AM Depart DCA en route LBJ Education Building

11:15 AM - 12:25 PM Office Time/Lunch -- Office of the Secretary

12:25 PM - 12:30 PM Drop By Meeting with Chairman Tom Cole -- TBC  
Secretary DeVos will stop by the tail-end of the meeting upon her return to LBJ

1:00 PM - 3:30 PM Secretary's Open House -- LBJ - Barnard Auditorium

3:30 PM - 4:00 PM Briefing on Clearance -- Office of the Secretary

## February 18, 2017

Saturday

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Ceremonial Swearing-in -- Library of Congress Members Reading Room - 101 Independence Ave SE, Washington, DC 20540

2:00 PM - 2:15 PM Depart LOC en route Joseph Magnus

2:30 PM - 5:30 PM Friends & Family Reception -- Jos. Magnus, 2052 West Virginia Ave, NE, Washington, DC 20002



5:35 PM - 5:55 PM Depart Jos. Magnus en route (b)(6),(b)(7)(F)

## February 21, 2017

Tuesday

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM WHMO Briefing -- The White House - Situation Room

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM Phone Call with Former Senator Phil Gramm -- Office of the Secretary  
RE: School Choice in Texas

Mariel Travis  
[mariel@uspolicymetrics.com](mailto:mariel@uspolicymetrics.com)  
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1:45 PM - 2:15 PM Meeting with Secretary DeVos RE (b)(5) -- Office of the Secretary

## February 21, 2017 Continued

Tuesday

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Canceled: Call with Frank Brogan -- Office of the Secretary  
Call office to be connected: 717-720-4010

2:30 PM - 2:45 PM

Depart LBJ Education Building en route The White House

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Meeting with WH COS Reince Priebus and AG Jeff Sessions -- The White House - COS Office

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[who.eop.gov](mailto:who.eop.gov)

3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Meeting with President Trump, WH COS Reince Priebus and AG Sessions -- The White House - TBD Room

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Meeting with Dave Hoppe -- Office of the Secretary  
Briefing Meeting

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6:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Phone Call with Senator Rob Portman -- He will call BDV Education Cell

6:30 PM - 6:50 PM

Depart LBJ Education Building en route

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## February 22, 2017

Wednesday

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Depart Residence en route LBJ Headquarters

9:15 AM - 9:45 AM

Meeting with Charter CEOs -- Secretary's Conference Room  
Dee Haslam is also attending.

Group POC:  
Breakthrough Cleveland  
John Zitzner  
216-373-7801  
[JZitzner@breakthroughschools.org](mailto:JZitzner@breakthroughschools.org)

**From:** Marvin Smith  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 24, 2017 4:05 PM  
**To:** John Zitzner  
**Cc:** Mike Feinberg; Courtney Criswell; Roquel Crutcher  
**Subject:** [2/22](#) DeVos Meeting - Attendee List and School Background

John,

I'm writing to share a list of CMO leaders we'd recommend join you for a meeting with Betsy if we can get on her calendar [on 2/22](#). It would be great to shoot for an early morning meeting if possible – perhaps [8:30 a.m.](#) – to get ahead of our Hill meetings. We

would love to talk with Betsy about the investments in K-12 education made by both the Congress and U.S. Department of Education that have made an enormous difference in growing high quality schools.

Thanks for your efforts to make this happen for us!

Best,  
Marvin

**Attendee List**

· **Marcia Aaron, Executive Director, KIPP LA**

KIPP LA Schools is a nonprofit organization that operates 13 public charter schools in South and East Los Angeles. KIPP LA's students are 99% African-American or Latino, and 90% qualify for the federal free and reduced price meal program. KIPP LA's schools are among the highest-performing schools in LAUSD serving a majority of students from low-income communities. Over 75% of KIPP LA's alumni are persisting in college. We are part of the nationwide KIPP (Knowledge Is Power Program) network, which is dedicated to preparing students in underserved communities for success in college and in life.

· **Constance Brewer, Chief External Affairs Officer, Noble Network of Charter Schools**

Noble is Chicago's largest and highest performing network of public high schools, providing a non-selective, open-enrollment education at 17 campuses. More than 90 percent of Noble graduates matriculated to college last year. Noble campuses are located in some of Chicago's highest need communities and serve a student population that is 89% low-income and 98% minority. As a public non-selective high school, there are no testing requirements for enrollment at any of Noble's campuses. The Noble Network of Charter Schools is the 2015 winner of the Broad Prize for Top Public Charter School System in the nation.

· **Cheye Calvo, Chief Growth and Community Engagement Officer, Rocketship Education**

Rocketship Education is a network of public K through 5 charter schools dedicated to eliminating the achievement gap in our lifetime. Founded in the Bay Area in 2007, the Rocketship family has since grown to serve Rocketeers in thirteen schools across three regions. We're proud to serve the diverse communities of the Bay Area, Milwaukee and Nashville, with our first Washington DC school opening in fall 2016. Rocketship is more than a school system—it's a growing family of teachers, leaders, parents



and communities, all dedicated to making a positive change for our future.

- **Courtney Criswell, Senior Director of Government Affairs and Policy, KIPP Foundation**

KIPP is a national network of 200 free, open-enrollment, college-preparatory, public charter schools with a 20-year track record of preparing students in low-income communities for success in college and in life. The nonprofit KIPP Foundation trains and develops outstanding educators to lead KIPP schools; provides tools, resources and training for excellent teaching and learning; promotes innovation; and facilitates the exchange of insights and ideas across KIPP and other public schools and organizations.

- **Mark Di Bella, Chief Executive Officer, YES Prep Public Schools**

Since we opened our doors in 1998, YES Prep has continuously redefined possible for students, families and the public education system at large. Today, with 16 schools in operation, serving 11,600 students throughout Houston, YES Prep is living proof that different outcomes are possible when students from low-income communities are given access to high-quality educational opportunities.

- **Mayor James Diossa, Board Chair, Blackstone Valley Prep Mayoral Academy**

Blackstone Valley Prep (BVP) Mayoral Academy is a network of tuition-free public schools chartered by the Rhode Island Department of Education. As a growing network that is part of the Charter School Growth Fund portfolio and Rhode Island Mayoral Academies, BVP offers a high-quality public school choice to the families of Central Falls, Cumberland, Lincoln, and Pawtucket and currently serves just under 1,600 scholars in grades K-11 across 6 schools. Apart from academics, we believe that preparing scholars for the world beyond also means experiencing the diversity of the world we live in today. By design, our network is intentionally diverse. We accept students from four unique sending districts, two from the traditionally higher-income communities of Cumberland and Lincoln and two from the predominantly lower-income communities of Pawtucket and Central Falls.

- **Marco Petruzzi, President and Chief Executive Officer, Green Dot**

Green Dot Public Schools is a network of public charter schools in Los Angeles, California; Memphis, Tennessee; and Tacoma, Washington.

Green Dot middle schools offer grades six to eight, and our high schools offer grades nine to 12. Our schools are free and open to all students, like other public schools. Unique in the nation for a major non-profit charter management organization, Green Dot is proving it can achieve better student outcomes with the same student population, lower per pupil funding than the district and a unionized workforce. We are the leading charter school operator in Los Angeles and one of the top three largest in the nation. The U.S. Department of Education has featured Green Dot as a national leader in school turnarounds, and we are the only charter school operator in the country to lead the turnaround of a 3,000-plus student high school.

· **Larkin Tackett, Executive Director, IDEA Public Schools in Austin**

IDEA Public Schools believes that each and every child can go to college. Since 2001, IDEA Public Schools has grown from a small school with 150 students to the fastest-growing network of tuition-free, Pre-K-12 public charter schools in the United States. IDEA was recently named America's Best Charter School Network and boasts national rankings on The Washington Post and U.S. News & World Report's top high schools lists. IDEA serves nearly 30,000 college-bound students in 51 schools across three Texas regions and is on-track to maintain its legacy of sending 100% of its graduates to college.

· **Samantha Tweedy, Chief Advancement Officer, Uncommon Schools**

Uncommon Schools starts and manages outstanding urban public charter schools that close the achievement gap and prepare low-income students to graduate from college. We are a nonprofit network of public charter schools in New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts. Our 49 college-prep schools consistently rank among the highest-performing in their home states. Uncommon serves more than 16,000 scholars across our elementary, middle and high schools and our graduates earn Bachelor's degrees at 5x the rate of low-income students nationally.

· **Kimberly Vanderhoef, Policy Advisor, Success Academy Charter Schools**

Founded in 2006, Success Academy Charter Schools is the largest and highest-performing free, public charter school network in New York City. Admission is open to all New York State children, including those with special needs and English language learners. Students are admitted by a random lottery held each April. Success Academy operates 41 schools serving 14,000 students in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens and the Bronx.

Across the network, 76% of students are from low-income households; 8.5% are current and former English Language Learners, and 15% are current and former special needs students. About 93% of students are children of color.

• **John Zitzner, President, Breakthrough Schools**

Breakthrough Schools is the highest-performing network of free, public charter schools in Cleveland, Ohio for the second year in a row. Our nationally recognized network of schools was formed in 2010 by three of the highest-performing, non-selective, college preparatory, urban public charter schools in Cleveland — Citizens Academy, E Prep, and The Intergenerational School. We are building upon our successes by opening new schools throughout Cleveland. Our vision is to further Greater Cleveland's transformation by providing distinctive school options for no fewer than 5,000 children by 2020. We currently serve over 3,000 students throughout Cleveland.

John Zitzner

**Friends of Breakthrough Schools**

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[3615 Superior Ave., Suite 3103A, Cleveland, OH 44114](#)

**10:30 AM - 11:00 AM**

**Meeting with TAF/PAF -- Secretary's Conference Room**

Dept. Ed Contact - Patrick Kelly – 202-453-5669

Patrick Kelly

2016-2017 Teaching Ambassador Fellow

Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development

U.S. Department of Education

Mobile: (b)(6)

Office: (202) 453-5669

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Wanted to let you know that we sent invites to Gill Ferguson, Matt Frendewey, and Nate Bailey to attend the TAF/PAF meeting with Secretary DeVos if they are available. The Fellows work closely with the communications team at ED, so having that group present in the meeting can help the Fellows best plan on outreach and amplification efforts for the spring. If Gill, Matt, and Nate can attend, they will be listening but not actively participating in the conversation.

## February 22, 2017 Continued

Wednesday

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

(b)(6) -- Secretary's Office  
Briefing Paper: Eric Ventimiglia

12:35 PM - 12:50 PM

(b)(6) -- Secretary's Conference Room  
Briefing Paper: Eric Ventimiglia

From: Ventimiglia, Eric  
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2017 9:39 AM  
To: Simmons, Lee (Dougie)  
Cc: Toner, Jana  
Subject: Hold time for Secretary Schedule

Dougie,

We set an interview on Josh's calendar on Thursday, February 23, at 3PM (tentative), for (b)(6). Josh asked that we find a time that the Secretary can participate on either the front or back end. Could you please put a hold on this time, or let me know if this time will not work?

Thanks,  
Eric

**Eric Ventimiglia**  
Special Assistant to the Secretary  
Department of Education  
(C): (b)(6)

1:30 PM - 2:00 PM

(b)(6) Office of the Secretary  
Call office to be connected via assistant (b)(6)

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Office Time

3:00 PM - 3:20 PM

**Meeting with School Superintendents Association (AASA) -- Secretary's Conference Room**  
Briefing Paper: Laura Rigas is working on it.

From: Noelle Ellerson Ng [<mailto:nellerson@aasa.org>]  
Sent: Friday, February 17, 2017 10:27 AM  
To: Rigas, Laura  
Cc: Simmons, Lee (Dougie)  
Subject: RE: AASA transition memo

Laura and Dougie

Thank you for pulling this together. Dan and I look forward to the meeting.

In terms of policies we are interested in:

- ESSA (implementation, state accountability workbook, peer review)
- Funding/appropriations



## February 22, 2017 Continued

Wednesday

- School choice
- Rural education
- Perkins Career/Tech

Noelle

### Noelle Ellerson Ng

Associate Executive Director, Policy & Advocacy

AASA: The School Superintendents Association

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4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

Speech Prep -- Office of the Secretary

5:00 PM - 5:30 PM

APLU Briefing -- Office of the Secretary

5:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Meeting with Bob Eitel -- Office of the Secretary

6:00 PM - 6:30 PM

HOLD: Phone Call with Kayleigh McEnany -- Secretary to Call Kayleigh's Cell - CPAC Interviewer

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Depart LBJ Headquarters en route Residence

6:30 PM - 6:40 PM

Phone Call with

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## February 23, 2017

Thursday

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Depart Residence en route LBJ Headquarters

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Meeting with Governor Greg Abbott -- Office of the Secretary

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

HOLD: Call Time -- Office of the Secretary

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Meeting with Staff RE: OMB Budget -- Secretary's Conference Room

Stan

Jason

Ebony

Jim

## February 23, 2017 Continued

Thursday

Josh  
Gillum  
Matt

11:00 AM - 11:20 AM Meeting with Candice Jackson -- Office of the Secretary

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Time/Lunch -- Office of the Secretary

12:10 PM - 12:30 PM Depart LBJ en route Gaylord

12:30 PM - 12:50 PM Hold Room

12:50 PM - 1:05 PM REM: CPAC -- Gaylord Hotel

1:15 PM - 1:35 PM Depart Gaylord en route LBJ Headquarters

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Meeting with Association of Public Land-Grant Universities -- Secretary's Conference Room  
Attendees:  
The Secretary  
APLU Board Members  
TBC

Briefing: Sarah Delahunty  
Confirmed with Craig Lindwarm (202-478-6032, clindwarm@aplu.org)

3:15 PM - 3:35 PM Depart LBJ Education Building en route DCA -- (b)(6),(b)(7)(F)  
(b)(6),(b)(7)(F)

3:15 PM - 3:35 PM Phone Call with Former Secretary William Bennett "Bill" -- En route DCA - (b)(6),(b)(7)(F) Please call his cell:  
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4:00 PM - 5:50 PM (b)(6),(b)(7)(F)

## February 26, 2017

Sunday

2:30 PM - 4:15 PM (b)(6),(b)(7)(F)

(b)(6),(b)(7)(F) Depart DCA en route Residence

4:50 PM - 5:20 PM (b)(6)

## February 26, 2017 Continued

Sunday

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Depart Residence en route The White House - West Executive Avenue -- They will be met by WH Cabinet Affairs and escorted to East Wing

5:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Governors Ball -- The White House



5:30 PM – Meet Cabinet Affairs on West Exec and walk to East Wing as a group

6:00 PM – Governors Ball begins

Seated Dinner

Seated Entertainment

NOTE: Black Tie

Southeast Entrance

## February 27, 2017

Monday

8:30 AM - 8:30 AM

Arrive West Executive Avenue - WW Entrance -- Met by Cabinet Affairs and escorted to East Wing

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Business Meeting with President Trump, Vice President Pence, Cabinet Members and Governors -- The White House - State Dining Room

No Staff

**From:** "Gunn, Ashley L. EOP/WHO" <(b)(6)>@who.eop.gov>

**Date:** February 23, 2017 at 09:35:32 EST

**Subject: Monday Morning NGA Business session, State Dining Room 9-11am**  
All,

Please invite your Secretary to join the President, Vice President and all of our nation's Governors on Monday, February 27, for a business session beginning at 9am. Cabinet Affairs requests your arrival at West Exec at 8:30am. Topics presented will be "Empowering the States in Environmental Protection and Conservation", Reforming the Tax Code to Spur Economic Development", and Partnering with States to Drive Economic Growth". Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions and please confirm attendance.

Thank you,  
Ashley Gunn  
Senior Director  
Cabinet Affairs

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**February 27, 2017 Continued**

Monday

**From:** "Gunn, Ashley L. EOP/WHO" (b)(6)@who.eop.gov>  
**Date:** February 20, 2017 at 17:24:16 EST  
**Subject:** Save the date 2/27 Governor and Cabinet Secretary's Business Meeting

All,

Please be aware the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs is planning a business meeting with the President, Vice President, Cabinet Members and Governors. The exact time is not yet set, but we encourage you to set aside 8:45 to 11:15 am EST that morning for this meeting at the White House. Further details will be announced later this week. It is likely that approximately 3 Cabinet Members may be asked to present on Administration priorities.

Thank you,  
Ashley Gunn  
Senior Director  
Cabinet Affairs

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11:05 AM - 11:20 AM

Depart White House en route LBJ HQ

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

HOLD for Lunch/Office Time -- Office of the Secretary

12:30 PM - 1:00 PM

Meeting with Governor Rick Scott -- Office of the Secretary

Megan Fay is the POC for Gov. Scott and can be reached at (b)(6)

[Megan.Fay@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:Megan.Fay@eog.myflorida.com)

Christine Diaz – DC Liaison – (b)(6)

1:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Meeting with Governor Phil Bryant -- Office of the Secretary

**From:** Laurie T. Smith [mailto:Laurie.Smith@governor.ms.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 2:58 PM

**To:** Simmons, Lee (Dougie)

**Cc:** Scheduler; Joey Songy

**Subject:** Meeting confirmation

Hi Ms. Simmons,

Thank you for contacting me today to set up the meeting time for Governor Bryant and Secretary DeVos. Per our conversation:

- **Meeting Date:** Monday, February 27, 2017
- **Time:** 1:30 p.m. ET
- **Location:** United States Department of Education, 400 Maryland SW
- **Phone:** (b)(6)
- **Attendees:**



**February 27, 2017 Continued**

Monday

- The Honorable Governor Phil Bryant
- Mr. Joey Songy, Chief of Staff, Office of Governor Bryant
- Dr. Laurie Smith, Education Policy Advisor, Office of Governor Bryant
- Dr. Jeremy Anderson, President, Education Commission of the States

I am looking forward to meeting you soon. Please feel free to contact me if you need any additional information. (b)(6)

Sincerely,  
Laurie Smith

**Laurie J. Smith, Ph.D.**

*Education / Workforce Development Policy Advisor*

**Office of Governor Phil Bryant**

**Post Office Box 139**

**Jackson, Mississippi 39205**

**Phone: 601-576-2010**

**Cell: (b)(6)**

[www.GovernorBryant.com](http://www.GovernorBryant.com)

2:15 PM - 2:30 PM

Call with Secretary Rod Paige

Sec. to call Paige at (b)(6)

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

HOLD -- Office of the Secretary/En Route WH

3:10 PM - 3:25 PM

Depart LBJ HQ en route The White House

3:30 PM - 4:15 PM

Meeting with WH Presidential Personnel - Johnny DeStefano and Keagan Lenihan -- EEOB - Room 144A

From: Simmons, Lee (Dougie)

Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 11:17 AM

To: 'Schechter, Cecilia'; Venable, Joshua

Cc: Toner, Jana; Lenihan, Keagan; Delahunty, Sarah

Subject: RE: Meeting with the Secretary

Cecilia – Thanks for taking my call!

I have a meeting on her schedule for Monday (2/27) from 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm in EEOB – 144A.

She is participating in a meeting at 4:45 PM in EEOB 350 following the above meeting.

And I will send along who will attend with Secretary DeVos and their clearance info.

Thanks so much!

Dougie

Desk: 202-453-6204

Cell: (b)(6)

From: Schechter, Cecilia [[mailto:\(b\)\(6\)](mailto:(b)(6)@who.eop.gov)]

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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2017 10:42 AM  
**To:** Venable, Joshua  
**Cc:** Toner, Jana; Lenihan, Keagan; Simmons, Lee (Dougie)  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with the Secretary

Just following up - we want to get something in the books for next week ASAP. Please let me know when the Secretary is available and we can try to work around that.

Thank you,

Cecilia Schechter  
Presidential Personnel  
Executive Office of the President

C: (b)(6)  
(b)(6)@who.eop.gov

**From:** Schechter, Cecilia  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 9:13 PM  
**To:** Venable, Joshua <Joshua.Venable@ed.gov>  
**Cc:** Toner, Jana <Jana.Toner@ed.gov>; Lenihan, Keagan  
(b)(6)@who.eop.gov; Simmons, Lee (Dougie) <LeeD.Simmons@ed.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting with the Secretary

Got it. Let me know what works for you guys next week and we can work around it.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 21, 2017, at 9:06 PM, Venable, Joshua <Joshua.Venable@ed.gov> wrote:  
She is with POTUS and VPOTUS for Govs' business meeting and HBCU meeting on Monday and is with Sen. Scott at his HBCU roundtable on Tuesday.

**From:** "Schechter, Cecilia" (b)(6)@who.eop.gov  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 8:15 PM  
**To:** Jana Toner <Jana.Toner@ed.gov>, "Lenihan, Keagan"  
(b)(6)@who.eop.gov, Venable Joshua <Joshua.Venable@ed.gov>  
**Cc:** Lee Simmons <LeeD.Simmons@ed.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with the Secretary

Hi Jana,

Let's plan on next week at the Executive Office Building (144A). Does the Secretary have time on Monday after 1:30 PM ? Johnny is also flexible from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM on Tuesday of next week as well.

Please let me know if any of those times work.

Regards,

Cecilia Schechter  
Presidential Personnel  
Executive Office of the President

C: (b)(6)

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**From:** Toner, Jana [<mailto:Jana.Toner@ed.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 7:54 PM  
**To:** Schechter, Cecilia <(b)(6)@who.eop.gov>; Lenihan, Keagan <(b)(6)@who.eop.gov>; Venable, Joshua <[Joshua.Venable@ed.gov](mailto:Joshua.Venable@ed.gov)>  
**Cc:** Simmons, Lee (Doug) <[LeeD.Simmons@ed.gov](mailto:LeeD.Simmons@ed.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with the Secretary

Cecilia,

The Secretary very much wants to meet with Mr. DeStefano and Keagan, but has a short week and is speaking at CPAC on Thursday then leaving town. As you can imagine, there is a lot of prep work that is being done. Is there anyway Keagan and he could come to the department to meet with her here? I'm so sorry to have to ask, but that's the only way the scheduler can accommodate the meeting this week. Otherwise it would have to be next week and she can come to the White House.

**From:** Schechter, Cecilia [[mailto:\(b\)\(6\)@who.eop.gov](mailto:(b)(6)@who.eop.gov)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 1:02 PM  
**To:** Lenihan, Keagan; Venable, Joshua; Toner, Jana  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with the Secretary

Hi Jana/Joshua,

Let me know what works for the Secretary. Johnny has a lot of flexibility in the afternoons this week, but we can certainly accommodate if that doesn't work on your end.

Please send me a few dates/times and I will find one that works!

Regards,

Cecilia Schechter  
Presidential Personnel  
Executive Office of the President  
C: (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Lenihan, Keagan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 12:51 PM  
**To:** Venable, Joshua <[Joshua.Venable@ed.gov](mailto:Joshua.Venable@ed.gov)>; Toner, Jana <[Jana.Toner@ed.gov](mailto:Jana.Toner@ed.gov)>  
**Cc:** Schechter, Cecilia <(b)(6)@who.eop.gov>  
**Subject:** Meeting with the Secretary

Hello folks (b)(5)

(b)(5) Can you all work with Cecilia (cc-ed) on finding a time for her to come over to the EEOB for a meeting with us. Thank you!

Keagan

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Keagan R. Lenihan  
Associate Director and Special Assistant to the President

The White House

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4:15 PM - 4:45 PM

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4:45 PM - 5:45 PM

**Meeting with Vice President Pence and HBCU Presidents -- The White House - EEOB 350**

From: Botel, Jason

Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 10:50 AM

To: Lee, Ebony; Simmons, Lee (Doug); Venable, Joshua

Subject: meeting with HBCU presidents

Hi Ebony, Doug, and Josh,

I just got off the phone with Ja'Ron Smith at the WH. Here is the plan for the meeting with HBCU presidents on Monday, 2/27, at 4:45pm in EEOB 350:

1. VP speaks, then Sec. DeVos, then a couple other folks. It is understood that following her remarks the Secretary may need to leave

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Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks!

5:50 PM - 6:20 PM

**Meeting with Jared Kushner -- The White House - TBD Room**

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[@who.eop.gov](mailto:(b)(6)@who.eop.gov)

6:40 PM - 7:10 PM

**Possible Drop By: Thurgood Marshall College Fund Reception -- 901 F Street, NW - Lobby of Building**

Sean Burns – Cell: (b)(6)

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**From:** "Sean D. Burns" <[sean.burns@tmcf.org](mailto:sean.burns@tmcf.org)>

**Date:** February 22, 2017 at 5:19:37 PM EST

**To:** <[betsy.devos@ed.gov](mailto:betsy.devos@ed.gov)>

**Cc:** <[gerard.robinson@aei.org](mailto:gerard.robinson@aei.org)>, "Mr. Paris Dennard" <[paris.dennard@tmcf.org](mailto:paris.dennard@tmcf.org)>

**Subject:** Invitation To Attend TMCF's February 27th Reception Honoring Historically Black College Presidents and Chancellors

Good Evening Secretary DeVos,

Attached please find a letter from Johnny C. Taylor, Jr., President and CEO of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF) formally inviting you to TMCF's reception on **Monday, February 27, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

The reception will be held in conjunction with the "Fly-In" for the Presidents and Chancellors of our nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) next Tuesday, February 28, 2017 hosted by Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) and Congressman Mark Walker (R-NC). Both Senator Scott and Congressman Walker will be in attendance at our reception on Monday, February 27th.

I hope you will be able to join us for this special occasion. To respond to this invitation, please contact me at either 202.888.0045 or (b)(6)

-Sean D. Burns

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**Sean D. Burns**

**Director, Government Relations**

Thurgood Marshall College Fund

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**7:30 PM - 9:00 PM**

**Dinner with Congresswoman Virginia Foxx -- Four Seasons - Bourbon Steak**

Rochelle Cell (b)(6)

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**Depart Residence en route LBJ Headquarters**

Manifest: The Secretary

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9:00 AM - 9:15 AM

**HOLD: Possible Quick Visit with Bill Evers**

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Bill served on the ED Landing Team during transition and worked as AS for Policy at Education under President Bush

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

**Meeting with Staff RE: OMB Budget -- Secretary's Conference Room**

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

**Speech Prep -- Secretary's Office**

With Matt

12:10 PM - 12:15 PM

**Depart LBJ en route Library of Congress**

Manifest: The Secretary, Josh Venable, Sarah Delahunty, member of comms.

Drive Time: 5 minutes

12:20 PM - 1:00 PM

**REM: HBCU Luncheon -- Library of Congress - Members Reading Room**

1:00 PM - 1:15 PM

**Depart Library of Congress en route White House**

Manifest: The Secretary, Josh Venable, Sarah Delahunty, comms member

Drive Time: 5 minutes

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

**Bill Signing -- White House**

2:30 PM - 2:45 PM

**Depart White House en route LBJ**

Drive Time: 15 minutes

Manifest: The Secretary

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

**Meeting with Carrie Walton Penner and Marc Sternberg -- Office of the Secretary**

As I mentioned Carrie Walton Penner will be in Washington DC on February 28 and would love to come see Betsy. The 130-330pm window works best for her but we can accommodate earlier if better.

**Marc Sternberg**

Walton Family Foundation

c. 917-620-8385

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Program Officer

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3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

**Governor David Ige -- Office of the Secretary**

Cindy -- (b)(6)

Cindy. McMillan@hawaii.gov

4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

**Meeting with Peter McPherson -- Office of the Secretary**

Confirmed

4:30 PM - 5:15 PM

**UPDATED TIME: Meeting with the Board of Director for the National Alliance for Charter Schools -- Office of the Secretary**

**\*updated time, 2 calendar announcements will appear until you delete the later slot due to access issues\***

Dougie,

Thanks again for arranging this meeting.

The following board members will attend the meeting:

Brian Jones

Jed Wallace

Andrew Broy

Dan Quisenberry

You can find their bios here: <http://www.publiccharters.org/get-the-facts/about-us/board/>

Unfortunately I will not be able to join the group but Gina Mahony from our team will be there.

As for topics, we plan to talk to her about what our organization does, offer our help and also raise a few policy issues for her to consider (these are also issues that we have shared with Ebony, Josh, Rob Goad, etc. and they range from guidance to regs and some are in other agencies).

Thanks again for the opportunity to meet with the Secretary!

Please let me know if you have any questions. I can always be reached at 202/906-0802.

Nina

On Feb 21, 2017, at 09:49, Nina Rees <[Nina@publiccharters.org](mailto:Nina@publiccharters.org)> wrote:  
Dear Josh,

I am reaching out to see if Secretary DeVos has time to meet with 3-5 members on our

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[board of directors](#) next week – namely our board chair, Brian Jones, as well as the chair of our state leaders council, Andrew Broy, and the chair of our policy council, Jed Wallace. Andrew is also the head of the Illinois charter schools association. Jed is the head of the CA charter schools association. We would love to meet sometime during the morning of 3/1. I know this is short notice but Andrew and Jed happen to be in DC next week so I wanted to seize the chance to schedule this meeting while they were in DC. We also have some flexibility on the 28<sup>th</sup> before 1 and after 5. Thank you!

Nina

<image001.jpg>

Nina Rees

President and CEO

National Alliance for Public Charter Schools

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5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

**HOLD for BDV Office Time/Dinner**

6:10 PM - 8:00 PM

**Leader McCarthy Reception -- U.S. Capitol, H-107**

6:10 p.m. – Cabinet Affairs will escort Cabinet members to Leader Kevin McCarthy Reception, H-107. Reception is a small group of select Republic House and Senate members.

6:30 PM - 7:00 PM

**Depart LBJ en route Capitol**

8:00 PM - 8:50 PM

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9:00 PM - 10:00 PM

**President Donald Trump's Address to a Joint Session of Congress -- US Capitol - House Chamber**

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10:00 PM - 10:15 PM

**Depart Capitol en route White House -- Capitol Memorial Door to West Exec via White House Transportation**

10:15 PM - 10:30 PM

**Depart White House en route**  
**Manifest: The Secretary**  
**Drive Time: 15 minutes**

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