Lunch and Presentation:
The Future of State Financial Aid

With rising college costs consistently part of national policy discussions, state financial aid is becoming more important than ever to making access to and success in college a reality for an increasing number of students. A recent report released from the Brown Center on Education Policy at Brookings urges states and policymakers to shift from the dichotomy between “need-based” and “merit-based” aid in favor of designing programs that integrate targeting students with financial need with appropriate expectations and support for college success.

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