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Weekly Calendar
Key: E&S – Elementary & Secondary; H – Higher Education; D – Disability Policy

Monday, January 4, 2021
None.

Tuesday, January 5, 2021
None.

Wednesday, January 6, 2021
Congress meets in Joint Session to count the Electoral College votes.

Thursday, January 7, 2021
None.

Friday, January 8, 2021
Virtual NSF Meeting: Public Discussion on Evolving Role of Online Learning (E&S, H)
Subject: The National Science Foundation Education and Human Resources Directorate will host a listening session to stimulate discussion with respect to the evolving role of online learning in teaching of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields, specifically focusing on the identification of learning gains through online environments, including the role of new assessment approaches in measuring those gains.
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Future Hearings and Events

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Webinar: Education Reform and 21st Century Skills (E&S, H)
Subject: The Center for Universal Education (CUE) at the Brookings Institution will hold a webinar on “A New Path to Education Reform: The Next Chapter on 21st Century Skills.”
Participants: Emiliana Vegas, senior fellow and co-director, CUE, Brookings (Moderator); Elizabeth Haas Edersheim, founder, New York Consulting Partners and adjunct professor, NYU Tisch Global School of Sports Management; Victoria Sullivan, former New Hampshire state representative; Helen Shwe Hadani, fellow, CUE, Brookings; Ted Dintersmith, author, “What School Could Be: Insights and Aspirations from Teachers Across America;” and Katy Hirsh Pasek, senior fellow, CUE, Brookings and Stanley and Debra Lefkowitz faculty fellow, Department of Psychology, Temple University.
Time: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Contact: Register here.

Webinar: The Next Conservative Education Agenda (E&S, H, D)
Subject: The American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research (AEI) will hold a webinar on “The Next Conservative Education Agenda.”
Participants: Frederick Hess, director for education policy studies, AEI (Moderator); Lisa Graham Keegan, former superintendent of public instruction, Arizona Department of Education; Wayne Lewis Jr., former commissioner of education, Kentucky Department of Education; and Michael McShane, director of national research, EdChoice.
Time: 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Contact: Register here.

On The Floor This Week

Joint Session of Congress:
Consideration of measure to count the electoral ballots for the President and Vice-President of the United States.

Further debate and votes in the House and Senate may be necessary.

House Floor:
H.Res. 5 – Adopting the Rules of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Seventeenth Congress, and for other purposes.
COVID-19 Related Bills

H.R. 133 - Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (12/27/20 Signed by President)

SA 2652 to S. 178 - Delivering Immediate Relief to America's Families, Schools and Small Businesses Act (10/23/20 Failed in Senate)

H.R. 8406 - Updated HEROES Act (9/30/20 Passed by House of Representatives)


S. 4322 – Safely Back to School and Back to Work Act (7/27/20 Introduced)


H.R. 266 - Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act (4/24/20 Signed by President)

Senate Amendment to H.R. 748 - Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (3/27/20 Signed by President)

H.R. 6201 - Families First Coronavirus Response Act (3/18/20 Signed by President)

H.R. 6074 - Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act (3/6/20 Signed by President)

Bills to Watch

FY 2021 Appropriations

FY 2021 Omnibus

H.R. 133 - Consolidated Appropriations Act of FY 2021

Sponsor: Rep. Henry Cuellar (D-TX)

(12/27/20 Signed by President; 12/21/20 Passed by House and Senate)

Links for Up-to-Date Information on Hearings, Legislation, and Events

U.S. House and Senate 2021 Schedule

U.S. Department of Education

U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions

U.S. House Committee on Education and Labor

U.S. Senate Budget Committee

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