This Week in Washington

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This Week in Washington, a weekly publication of BWP, provides an overview of upcoming events in Washington, D.C. affecting undergraduate education. Please use the bookmarks below to navigate to your area of interest.

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Weekly Calendar

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

Monday, January 8, 2018
None.

Tuesday, January 9, 2018
National Science Board Committee on Science and Engineering Policy Meeting (E&S, H)
Subject: The National Science Board's Committee on National Science and Engineering Policy (SEP) will hold a teleconference to discuss the policy companion statement for science and engineering indicators 2018. Members of the public must contact the Board Office to request the public audio link by sending an e-mail to nationalsciencebrd@nsf.gov at least 24 hours prior to the teleconference.
Time and Location: 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.; NSF, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA.
Contact: For more information, contact mmunoz@nsf.gov.

Wednesday, January 10, 2018
Teaching Democratic Citizenship (E&S, H)
Subject: The Shanker Institute and the American Federation of Teachers will hold an event to discuss the role American education plays in teaching democratic citizenship.
Participants: Danielle Allen, James Bryant Conant University Professor, Harvard University and director, Harvard's Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics; Timothy Snyder, professor of History, Yale University; and Randi Weingarten, president, American Federation of Teachers and the Albert Shanker Institute.

**Time and Location:** 12:00 p.m – 2:00 p.m.; 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** RSVP [Here](#).

**Thursday, January 11, 2018**

**Senate HELP Committee Executive Session on Nominations (E&S, H, D)**

**Subject:** The Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee will hold an executive session to consider the nominations of Brigadier Gen. Mitchell Zais to be deputy secretary, Department of Education; Kenneth Marcus to be assistant secretary for civil rights, Department of Education; James Blew to be assistant secretary for planning, evaluation and policy development, Department of Education; Patrick Pizzella to be deputy secretary, Department of Labor; Scott Mugno to be assistant secretary for occupational safety and health, Department of Labor; Cheryl Stanton to be administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor; William Beach to be commissioner of labor statistics, Department of Labor; and Brett Giroir to be assistant secretary for health, Department of Health and Human Services.

**Time and Location:** To be determined.

**Contact:** For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.224.5375.

**Superintendent of the Year Finalists Discussion on Education Issues (E&S, H, D)**

**Subject:** The four finalists for the 2018 National Superintendent of the Year will participate in a panel discussion on current trends in education.

**Participants:** Wendy Robinson, Fort Wayne Community Schools, Ft. Wayne, IN.; David Schuler, Township High School District 214, Arlington Heights, IL.; Mary Sieu, ABC Unified School District, Cerritos, CA.; and Mike Winstead, Maryville City Schools, Maryville, TN.

**Time and Location:** 3:00 p.m; National Press Club, 529 14th Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** RSVP to jminichello@aasa.org.

**Friday, January 12, 2018**

None.

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**Future Hearings and Events**

**Tuesday, January 16, 2018**

**Bush-Obama School Reform (E&S, H)**

**Subject:** The American Enterprise Institute (AEI) will host an event exploring the lessons learned in education policy from the administrations of George W. Bush and Barack Obama.

**Participants:** Deven Carlson, University of Oklahoma; Sara Dahill-Brown, Wake Forest University; Joshua Dunn, University of Colorado Colorado Springs; Anna Egalite, North Carolina State University; Frederick M. Hess, AEI; Ashley Jochim, Center on Reinventing Public Education; Matthew Kraft, Brown University; Tom Loveless, Brookings Institution; Patrick McGuinn, Drew University; Michael Q. McShane, EdChoice; Robert Pianta, University of Virginia; Nina Rees, National Alliance for Public Charter Schools; Gerard Robinson, AEI; Roberto Rodriguez, Teach Plus; Stefanie Sanford, College Board; Hanna Skandera, State of New Mexico Department of Education (former); Emma Vadehra, Center for American Progress; and Joanne Weiss, Weiss Associates.

**Time and Location:** 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.; AEI, 1789 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington D.C.

**Contact:** RSVP [Here](#).

**Wednesday, January 17, 2018**

**Using Data and Evidence to Improve Student Outcomes in Higher Education (H)**

**Subject:** Results for America will hold an event to highlight and discuss findings from their recent reports focused on federal and state policies that can leverage the power of data and evidence to improve student outcomes in higher education.
Participants: John Bridgeland, CEO, Civic Enterprises; and James Kvaal, president, The Institute for College Access and Success.
Time and Location: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; 2010 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.
Contact: RSVP Here.

Challenges and Opportunities in Achieving the National Postsecondary Attainment Goals (H)
Subject: The Educational Testing Service (ETS) will host an event to examine postsecondary degree attainment goals for the adult population of the United States and what stakeholders can do to help each other achieve them.
Participants: Almarie Munley, founder and board member, Latino Advisory Committee for the Faith and Education Coalition of the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference (NHCLC); Ahniwake Rose, executive director, National Indian Education Association (NIEA); and Ivory Toldson, president and CEO, Quality Education for Minorities (QEM) Network
Time and Location: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.; ETS, 1800 M Street, NW, Suite 425, Washington, D.C.
Contact: RSVP Here.

On The Floor This Week
Senate Floor:
Votes on various nominations

House Floor:
S. 140 – To amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010
S. 139 – FISA Amendments Reauthorization Act of 2017

Bills to Watch
FY 2018 APPROPRIATIONS
Continuing Resolutions (CR)
H.R. 1370 Sponsor: Rep. Michael McCaul (R-TX)
Making further continuing appropriations for FY 2018 until January 19, 2018. (12/22/17 Signed by President Trump; 12/21/17 Passed by the House of Representatives; 12/21/17 passed by the Senate).

Making further continuing appropriations for FY 2018 until December 22, 2017. (12/8/17 Signed by President Trump; 12/7/17 Passed by the House of Representatives; 12/7/17 passed by the Senate).

Making further continuing appropriations for FY 2018 until December 8, 2017. (9/8/17 Signed by President Trump; 9/8/17 Passed by the House of Representatives; 9/7/17 passed by the Senate).

Omnibus Appropriations
H.R. 3354 Sponsor: Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA)
Make America Secure and Prosperous Appropriations Act, 2018 (FY 2018 Omnibus Appropriations Act) (9/14/17 Passed by House of Representatives)
Budget Resolutions

FY 2018 House Budget Resolution (10/5/17 Passed by House of Representatives; 7/19/17 Passed by Budget Committee)

**S.Con.Res.25** Sponsor: Sen. Mike Enzi (R-WY)
FY 2018 Senate Budget Resolution (10/19/2017 Passed by Senate; 10/5/2017 Passed by Budget Committee)

Appropriations Bills

**H.R. 3267** Sponsor: Rep. John Culberson (R-TX)

**S. 1662** Sponsor: Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL)

**H.R. 3358** Sponsor: Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK)
Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Act of FY 2018 (7/19/17 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 7/13/17 Passed by Subcommittee)

**S. 1771** Sponsor: Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO)
Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Act of FY 2018 (9/7/17 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 9/6/17 Passed by Subcommittee)

**H.R. 3354** Sponsor: Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA)
Interior and Environment Appropriations Act of FY 2018 (9/14/17 Passed by House; 7/18/17 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 7/12/17 Passed by Subcommittee)

**CARL D. PERKINS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ACT**

**H.R. 2353** Sponsor: Representative Glenn Thompson (R-PA)
Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (6/22/17 Passed House of Representatives; 6/7/17 Passed by Education & Workforce Committee)

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

U.S. House of Representatives 2017 Schedule
U.S. Senate 2017 Schedule
U.S. Department of Education
U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce
U.S. Senate Budget Committee
U.S. House Budget Committee
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