FOCUS ON EDUCATION
This Week in Washington

Kuna Tavalin, Editor
ktavalin@wpllc.net

Prepared for the Council on Undergraduate Research

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

Weekly Calendar
Future Hearings & Events
On The Floor This Week
Bills to Watch
Important Links
About WPLLC

Weekly Calendar

Monday, January 9, 2017
Public Investments Infrastructure and Human Capital
Subject: The Hutchins Center on Fiscal and Monetary Policy at the Brookings Institution will hold an event, “From Bridges to Education: Best Bets for Public Investment.” Discussion will focus on how to direct public investment in physical infrastructure and human capital.
Participants: Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro (D-CT); Congressman Thomas Reed, (R-NY); Lawrence H. Summers, professor and president emeritus, Harvard University; Edward Glaeser, professor of economics, Harvard University; David Wessel, director, The Hutchins Center on Fiscal and Monetary Policy and senior fellow, Brookings Institution; Newsha Ajami, director of urban water policy, Water in the West; Matthew Turner, professor of economics, Brown University; Daniel Wilson, research advisor, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco; Clifford Winston, senior fellow, Economic Studies, Brookings Institution; Kristin Butcher, professor of economics, Wellesley College; Greg J. Duncan, professor, University of California, Irvine; Sarah Turner, professor of economics and education and associate director, EdPolicyWorks, University of Virginia; Richard Murname, professor, Graduate School of Education, Harvard University; Louise Sheiner, senior fellow, Economics Studies, Brookings Institution; Robert Doar, resident fellow, American Enterprise Institute (AEI); Robert Greenstein, founder and president, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP); Ted McCann, assistant to the Speaker for policy, Office of the Speaker of the House, U.S. House of Representatives; and Wendell Primus, senior policy advisor, Office of the Minority Leader, U.S. House of Representatives.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.; The Brookings Institution, 1775 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register here.

Tuesday, January 10, 2017
Communicating Science Effectively
Subject: The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education will hold an event to release a new report, "Communicating Science Effectively: A Research Agenda."

Time and Location: 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.; Keck Center, 500 5th Street, NW, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register here.

Productivity in Higher Education
Subject: The National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) will hold a roundtable on productivity in U.S. higher education. Topics to be discussed include whether an investment in a college education has a positive return for students at some colleges and a negative return at others, and how productivity of a college should be measured.
Participants: James Poterba, president, NBER; David Deming, Harvard Graduate School of Education; Judy Scott-Clayton, Teachers College, Columbia University; and Sarah Turner, University of Virginia.
Time and Location: 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.; St. Regis Hotel, 923 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC.
Contact: For more information contact the National Bureau of Economic Research at 617.868.3900.

Wednesday, January 11, 2017
Education Secretary Confirmation Hearing
Subject: The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) will hold a hearing to consider the nomination of Betsy DeVos to serve as Secretary of Education.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 430 Dirksen SOB.

Thursday, January 12, 2017
Intercultural Competence in Higher Education
Subject: The Education Testing Service (ETS) will hold an event, “Assessing Intercultural Competence in Higher Education: Existing Research and Future Directions.”
Participants: Richard Griffith, director, Institute for Cross Cultural Management, Florida Institute of Technology; Ou Lydia Liu, senior director of research, Academic to Career Research Center, ETS; and Joseph A. Rios, associate research scientist, Academic to Career Research Center, ETS.
Time and Location: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.; ETS, 1800 K Street, NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC.
Contact: Lunch provided. Register here.

Next Generation Universities
Subject: New America will hold an event, “Where Are They Now: A Look at America’s Next Generation Universities.” The discussion will center on universities that serve large numbers of students across the socioeconomic spectrum and are using innovative practices to serve and improve outcomes for students.
Participants: Kevin Carey, director, Education Policy Program, New America; Hilary Pennington, vice president of education, Creativity and Free Expression, Ford Foundation; Tina Gridiron, strategy director, Lumina Foundation; Alison Griffin, senior vice president of external and government relations, USA Funds; Bridget Burns, executive director, University Innovation Alliance; Michael M. Crow, president, Arizona State University; Mark P. Becker, president, Georgia State University; John C. Hitt, president, University of Central Florida; Steven Leath, president, Iowa State University; and Tim Renick, vice provost and vice president for enrollment management and student success, Georgia State University.
Time and Location: 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.; New America, 740 15th Street, NW, #900, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register here.

Bringing Science to the Classroom
Subject: The Alliance for Excellent Education will hold a webinar, “The Center for Transformative Teaching and Learning (CTTL): Bringing Mind, Brain, and Education Science to Teachers and the Classroom.” Discussion will focus on quality examples of how educators are informing the teaching and learning process through research-based practices, especially pertaining to CTTL.
Participants: Abner Oakes, director of outreach and partnerships, Alliance for Excellent Education; and Glenn Whitman, director, Center for Transformative Teaching and Learning, St. Andrew’s Episcopal School.
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.
Contact: Register here.

**Federal Reserve Town Hall for Educators (E&S, H)**

**Subject:** Federal Reserve Board Chair Janet Yellen will hold a town hall meeting to address educators and discuss the mission and responsibilities of the Federal Reserve System. Following her remarks, Chair Yellen will respond to questions from K-12 and post-secondary educators of economics, history and related disciplines.

**Participant:** Janet Yellen, Board Chair, Federal Reserve.

**Time:** 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Contact:** In-person participation by invitation only. Watch the webcast here.

**Friday, January 13, 2017**

None.

---

**Future Hearings and Events**

None currently announced.

---

**On The Floor This Week**

**Senate Floor:**

S.Con.Res.3 - FY2017 Budget Resolution

**House Floor:**

H.R. 79 – HALOS Act
H.R.5 – Regulatory Accountability Act of 2017
H.R. 238 – Commodity End-User Relief Act
H.R. 78 – SEC Regulatory Accountability Act

Possible Consideration of Legislation Related to FY 2017 Budget Resolution

---

**Bills to Watch**

**FY 2017 APPROPRIATIONS**

H.R.2028 FY 2017 Further Continuing and Security Assistance Appropriations Act (12/9/16 Signed by President and Passed by the Senate; 12/18/16 Passed by the House)

---

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

U.S. House of Representatives 2016 Schedule
About WPLLC

Washington Partners, LLC is a full service government affairs and public relations consulting firm that has built a reputation for producing results. We partner with clients committed to excellence in education and other social services to achieve policy and advocacy success by:

- leveraging our expertise and passion;
- strategizing intelligent solutions; and,
- Creating meaningful impact.

Our team includes long-term insiders in education policy from Pre-K through higher education, innovative thinkers and savvy strategists that provide a comprehensive array of customized client services. We have the knowledge, skills, and relationships that are necessary for successful advocacy at all levels. From grassroots to grass tops and everything in between, our broad-based legislative practice approaches every project with the same degree of determination and professionalism. WPLLC provides expertise in a variety of services:

- Government Relations
- Research and Analysis
- Advocacy Training
- Association Management
- Strategic Communications
- Policy Events

For more information, please call us at 202.289.3900 or visit our website.

This publication contains links to Internet sites for the convenience of World Wide Web users. Washington Partners, LLC is not responsible for the availability or content of these external sites, nor does Washington Partners, LLC endorse, warrant or guarantee the information, services, or products described or offered at these other Internet sites. Copyright 2016. Washington Partners, LLC. Redistribution of this memorandum or its content outside the immediate organization of the intended recipient without the express prior permission of Washington Partners, LLC is prohibited. Readers are encouraged to send comments about this publication to efemm@wpllc.net or call 202.289.3900.