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Weekly Calendar

Monday, January 23, 2017
None.

Tuesday, January 24, 2017
House Education and the Workforce Committee Organizational Meeting
Subject: The House Committee on Education and the Workforce will hold its organizational meeting, at which Members will consider adoption of the committee rules and oversight plan.
Time and Location: 11:15 a.m.; 2175 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: For inquiries on the meeting, contact: 202.225.4527.

Launch of Center for Education Policy
Subject: The Heritage Foundation will hold an event to launch its new Center for Education Policy.
Participants: Congressman Mark Walker (R-NC); Jennifer Marshall, vice president, Institute for Family, Community and Opportunity, The Heritage Foundation; Lindsey Burke, fellow, Education Policy, The Heritage Foundation; Patrick Wolf, professor of education policy and 21st Century Endowed Chair in School Choice, Department of Education Reform, University of Arkansas College of Education and Health Professions; Virginia Walden Ford, visiting fellow, The Heritage Foundation; Genevieve Wood, senior fellow in communications and senior contributor, The Daily Signal; and J.B. Horton, senior counselor, The Heritage Foundation.
Time and Location: 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.; The Heritage Foundation, Allison Auditorium, 214 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register here.

Outlook for Higher Education
Subject: The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) will present a webinar, “Update and Outlook for Higher Education in 2017.” The event will discuss the 115th Congress and the new Administration’s priorities on higher education issues.

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
Contact: Register here.

Wednesday, January 25, 2017
None.

Thursday, January 26, 2017

Future of Science and Technology Policy

Subject: The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and the American Enterprise Institute (AEI) will hold a webinar, “The Outlook for Science in the New Administration and Congress.” Discussion will center on an updated outlook for research funding, how the administration and Congress may view science-based policymaking, a review of significant Cabinet appointments, and areas where the Trump administration and Congress may disagree.

Participants: former Congressman Rush Holt, CEO, AAAS; and Norman Ornstein, resident scholar, AEI.

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Contact: Register here.

Friday, January 27, 2017
None.

Future Hearings and Events

Tuesday, January 31, 2017

Senate HELP Committee Vote on Secretary of Education

Subject: The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) will hold an executive session to vote on the nomination of Betsy DeVos as Secretary of Education.

Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; TBD.
Contact: For inquiries on the meeting, contact: 202.224.5375.

Women’s Access to STEM Jobs

Subject: The National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity (NAPE), The STEM Equity Pipeline and the National Science Foundation will hold a webinar, “Improving Women’s Access to In-Demand Technical Middle-Skill Jobs: A New Methodology to Address Occupational Segregation in CTE and Workforce Development.”

Participants: Ariane Hegewisch, program director, Employment and earnings, Institute for Women’s Policy Research; Chandra Childers, senior research scientist, Institute for Women’s Policy Research; and Elyse Shaw, senior research associate, Institute for Women’s Policy Research.

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Contact: Register here.

On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
Consideration of the nomination of Mike Pompeo to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

House Floor:
H.R. 589  - Department of Energy Research and Innovation Act
H.R. #  - Reinforcing Education Accountability in Development (READ) Act
H.R. 7 – No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act of 2017

Bills to Watch

FY 2017 APPROPRIATIONS
S.Con.Res 3 – FY 2017 Concurrent Budget Resolution (1/13/17 Passed by the House; 1/12/17 Passed by the Senate)

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)

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