**Weekly Calendar**

**Monday, February 6, 2017**

None.

**Tuesday, February 7, 2017**

**House Education and the Workforce Committee Hearing**

*Subject:* The House Education and Workforce Committee will hold a hearing, “Challenges and Opportunity in Higher Education.”

*Participants:* Dr. Beth Akers, senior fellow, Manhattan Institute; Dr. William E. Kirwan, co-chair, Task Force on Federal Regulation of Higher Education; Dr. José Luis Cruz, president, CUNY Lehman; Kevin Gilligan, chairman and CEO, Capella Education Company

*Time and Location:* 10:00 a.m.; 2175 Rayburn Building.

*Contact:* For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.225.4527.

**Labor Secretary Confirmation Hearing**

*Subject:* The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) will hold a hearing to consider the nomination of Andrew Puzder for Secretary of Labor.

*Time and Location:* TBD.

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

**Wednesday, February 8, 2017**

**Tribal Higher Education**

*Subject:* The American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) will hold an event, “American Indian & Alaska Native Tribal Higher Education: Building America’s Native Workforce.”
Participants: Dr. David Yarlott, president, Little Big Horn College; Dr. Pearl Brower, president, Ilisagvik College; Christopher Sindone, student, Haskell Indian Nations University; and Bethany Tarbell, student, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College and Haskell Indian Nations University.  
Time and Location: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.; 2261 Rayburn HOB.

Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation Hearing  
Subject: The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, will convene a full committee hearing titled “A Look Ahead: Inspector General Recommendations for Improving Federal Agencies”  
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; Senate Hart Office Building, Room 216  
Contact: For more information, please go here

Thursday, February 9, 2017  
Lessons from Finland  
Subject: The Embassy of Finland will hold an event, “Finland – Education Superpower.” The event will examine the Finnish education system and best practices from how Finland prepares its teachers and students.  
Participants: Samuel E. Abrams, director, National Center for the Study of Privatization in Education, Teachers College, Columbia University; Linda Liukas, programmer, author and Illustrator, Hello Ruby; Sanna Lukander, co-founder and CEO, Fun Academy Ltd; Brian Pick, chief of teaching and learning, District of Columbia Public Schools; Peter Vesterbacka, Might Entrepreneur; and Dr. Taina Wewer, English teacher and teacher educator, Teacher Training School, Turku University.  
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m.; Embassy of Finland, 3301 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.  
Contact: Register here.

Friday, February 10, 2017  
None.

Future Hearings and Events

Wednesday, February 15, 2017  
Reforming Federal Student Loans  
Subject: The American Enterprise Institute (AEI) will hold an event, “Mix Carefully: Using Private Capital to Reform Federal Student Loans.”  
Participants: Beth Akers, senior fellow, Manhattan Institute; James P. Bergeron, president, National Council of Higher Education Resources (NCHER); Jason Delisle, resident fellow, AEI; Michael Grunwald, senior staff writer, Politico; Rob Lavet, general counsel, SoFi; and Zakiya Smith, strategy director, Lumina Foundation.  
Time and Location: 9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.; 1789 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.  
Contact: Register here.

Future of Research in Policymaking  
Participants: Michael Feuer, dean, Graduate School of Education and Human Development, professor, Education Policy, George Washington University; Randy Bennett, chair in assessment innovation, ETS;
Peggy Carr, acting commissioner, National Center for Education Statistics; and Kadriye Ercikan, vice president for statistical analysis and psychometric research, ETS.

**Time and Location:** 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.; 1800 K Street, NW, 9th Floor, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** [Register here.](#)

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**On The Floor This Week**

**Senate Floor:**

Consideration of nomination of Betsy DeVos for Secretary of Education

Consideration of nomination of Jeff Sessions for Attorney General

Consideration of Steven Mnuchin for Secretary of Treasury

Consideration of Tom Price for Secretary of Health and Human Services

**House Floor:**

- **H.J.Res 58** – Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to teacher preparation issues

- **H.J.Res 57** – Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to accountability and State plans under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965

- **H.J.Res 44** – Disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of the Interior relating to Bureau of Land Management regulations that establish the procedures used to prepare, revise, or amend land use plans pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976

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

- U.S. House of Representatives 2016 Schedule
- U.S. Senate 2016 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
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