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This Week in Washington, a weekly publication of WP LL C, 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.

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Weekly Calendar

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

Monday, February 8, 2016
NSF and ED Funding for 2-Year Institutions (H)
Subject: The National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Department of Education (ED) will hold a joint webinar to discuss funding opportunities for two-year institutions.
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Contact: Register here.

Tuesday, February 9, 2016
Apprenticeships (E&S, H)
Subject: The Center for American Progress (CAP) will hold an event, “Investing in Our Nation’s Human Capital through Apprenticeship.”
Participants: Winnie Stachleberg, executive vice president for external affairs, CAP; Portia Wu, Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor; Former Governor Steve Beshear (D-KY); Cary James, first year Inside Wireman apprentice, NECA/IBEW Local 26 JATC; Jeremy Diebel, senior manager of machining, MTU America Inc; Ariane Hegewisch, program director for employment and earnings, Institute for Women’s Policy Research; Susan Helper, professor of economics, Weatherhead School of Management, Case Western Reserve University; and Angela Hanks, associate director for workforce development policy, CAP.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; 1333 H Street, NW, 10th Floor, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register here.

President’s FY17 R&D Budget Proposal (H)

Subject: The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) will hold an event to highlight the research and development, innovation, and STEM education investments included in the President’s Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Proposal.

Participants: Dr. John P. Holdren, Assistant to the President for Science and Technology, Director, OSTP; Dr. Jo Handelsman, Associate Director for Science, OSTP; Dr. France Córdova, Director, National Science Foundation; Dr. Cherry Murray, Director, Office of Science, U.S. Department of Energy; and Dr. Lawrence Tabak, Principal Deputy Director, National Institutes of Health.

Time and Location: 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.; 1200 New York Avenue, NW, 2nd Floor Auditorium, Washington, DC.

Contact: Access the live web stream here.

ED Budget Overview (E&S, H, D)

Subject: The Department of Education (ED) will hold a briefing on the President’s Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Request.

Participant: John King, Acting Secretary of Education.

Time and Location: 2:00 p.m.; ED, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Barnard Auditorium, Washington, DC.

Also, there will be a briefing to expand on the higher education portion of the budget that day, starting at 3:15 p.m., in the same location.

Contact: Reservations are not required. Attendees should bring a photo ID and a business card.

NSF Budget Overview (E&S, H)

Subject: The National Science Foundation (NSF) will hold an event, “NSF FY 2017 Budget Overview.”

Participant: Dr. France Córdova, director, NSF.

Time and Location: 3:30 p.m.; 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

Contact: RSVP to budget_rollout@nsf.gov.

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Career and Technical Education (E&S, H)

Subject: The Senate Career and Technical Education Caucus will hold a briefing, “Career and Technical Education: The Employer Perspective.”

Participants: Senators Tim Kaine (D-VA), Rob Portman (R-OH), Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) and Johnny Isakson (R-GA), Invited; Dan Conroy, consultant and former vice president of human resources, Nexen Group; Ed Dalrymple, Jr, president, Cedar Mountain Stone Corporation & Chemung Contracting Corporation; Kyle Kimball, vice president of government relations, Con Edison; Jeffrey Geppert, research leader, Battelle Memorial Institute; Jamie von Voorhis, senior manager for workforce development, Jacobs Engineering; and Tamar Jacoby, president, Opportunity America.

Time and Location: 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.; 430 Dirksen SOB.

Contact: RSVP to slynch@acteonline.org.

Career Pathways (E&S, H)

Subject: The College & Career Readiness & Success Center (CCRS) and the American Youth Policy Forum (AYPF) will hold a webinar, “Career Pathways: From Ideas to Action, Tools for States.”

Participants: Laura Jimenez, director, CCRS Center; Sharon Miller, director, Division of Academic and Technical Education, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education; Cynthia Bater, coordinator, Linked Learning, Long Beach Unified School District, CA; Carolyn George, career connections administrator, Ohio Department of Education; GeMar Neloms, senior technical assistant consultant, CCRS Center; and David Blumenthal, researcher, CCRS Center.

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Contact: Register here.

Thursday, February 11, 2016

Senate Finance Committee Hearing (E&S, H, D)

Subject: The Senate Committee on Finance will hold a hearing, “The President’s Fiscal Year 2017 Budget.”
Witness: Sylvia Mathews Burwell, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 215 Dirksen SOB.

Contact: For more information, go here.

Friday, February 12, 2016
None.

Future Hearings and Events

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

NDD United Town Hall (E&S, H)

Subject: NDD United will hold a town hall meeting, "Budget Bonanza!"

Participants: Michael Deich, senior advisor for budget, Office of Management and Budget; and additional policy experts from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

Time and Location: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; National Education Association, 1201 16th Street, NW, Main Auditorium, Washington, DC.

Contact: Register here.

On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
TBD

House Floor:

H.R.3293 – Scientific Research in the National Interest Act

Bills to Watch

EDUCATION SCIENCES REFORM ACT (ESRA)

S. 227 Sponsor: Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)
Strengthening Education through Research Act (12/17/15 Passed by Senate; 2/04/2015 Passed by HELP Committee)

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