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This Week in Washington, a weekly publication of WPLLC, provides an overview of upcoming events in Washington D.C. that are relevant to CUR’s interests. Please use the bookmarks below to navigate to your area of interest.

Weekly Calendar

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2013
Federal Holiday – Presidents Day.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2013
Education Workforce Pipeline

Subject: The Institute for a Competitive Workforce and Young Invincibles will host an event titled, “Getting to Work: What Students and Employers Need from Higher Education” to discuss how to improve the pathway from education to employment.

Participants: Tony Carnevale, Director and Research Professor, Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce; Jeremy Johnson, Co-Founder, 2tor; Doug Lederman, Editor and Founder, Inside Higher Ed; Cheryl A. Oldham, Vice President, Institute for a Competitive Workforce; Kathleen Shanahan, Chief Executive Officer, URETEK Holdings, Inc.; Aaron Smith, Co-Founder, Young Invincibles; and Margaret Spellings, President, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation.

Time and Location: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., US Chamber of Commerce, 1615 H Street, NW, Washington, DC.

Contact: RSVP to: www.uschamber.com/icw.
**Equity and Excellence Commission**

**Subject:** The Equity and Excellence Commission, created by Congressional mandate, will formally present the results of its investigation into improving educational excellence and opportunities for all students during a teleconference open to education stakeholders. The Commission's report represents the remarkable consensus reached by the diverse members of the Commission on issues such as advancing early learning, strengthening the teaching profession, improving school governance and accountability, and better aligning systems of school financing with actual student needs.

**Participants:** Christopher Edley, Jr., UC Berkeley Law School and Mariano-Florentino Cuéllar, Stanford Law School, Commission Co-chairs; Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education; and Representatives Mike Honda (D-CA) and Chaka Fattah (D-PA).

**Time and Location:** 12:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m., Dial in: 1.888.352.6796, passcode 9820224.

**Contact:** Web address to access report: http://www2.ed.gov/about/bdscomm/list/eec/index.html.

**Policy Communication Strategies**

**Subject:** The Data Quality Campaign (DQC) hosts a webinar on “The Power of Communication,” to discuss how to communicate policy goals as well as provide strategies to develop and implement communication plans.

**Participants:** Brennan McMahon, Associate, State Policy Initiatives, DQC; Kate Blosveren, Associate Director of Strategic Initiatives, Achieve; Colleen Flory, Assistant State Superintendent, Policy Implementation, Oklahoma State Department of Education; and David Mansouri, Director of Advocacy and Communications, Tennessee State Collaborative on Reforming Education (SCORE).

**Time and Location:** 2:00 p.m.

**Contact:** Register at: https://dataqualitycampaign.webex.com/dataqualitycampaign/onstage/g.php?t=a&d=667768662.

**Nanotechnology**

**Subject:** The Arizona State University Consortium for Science, Policy and Outcomes holds a seminar on “Time to Reassess the Promise of Nanotechnology? An Analysis of Research, Developments and Commercialization.”

**Participants:** Jan Youtie, Director of Policy Research Studies, Enterprise Innovation Institute; Adjunct Professor, Policy Research Studies, Georgia Tech School of Public Policy; and Director of Science, Technology, and Innovation Policy, Georgia Tech School of Public Policy.

**Time and Location:** 9:00 a.m., ASU Washington Center, 1834 Connecticut Ave, NW, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** 202-446-0386.

**Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Commercialization**

**Subject:** The Department of Commerce’s Economic Development Administration holds a meeting of The National Advisory Council on Innovation and Entrepreneurship to discuss the latest initiatives by the administration and the Secretary of Commerce on the issues of innovation, entrepreneurship and commercialization, and to discuss efforts around manufacturing, and NACIE's insights on the matter.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m., Commerce Department, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** Nish Acharya, 202-482-4068.

**U.S. Apprenticeship Programs**

**Subject:** The University of Maryland School of Public Policy holds a forum on “Greater Use of Apprenticeship Programs in U.S. Education.”

**Participants:** Robert Lerman, Fellow, Urban Institute.

**Time and Location:** 12:15 p.m., UMD, 1203 Van Munching Hall, College Park, M.D.
Environmental Information Services
Subject: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research holds a meeting of the Science Advisory Board to receive a presentation of the final report from the Research and Development Portfolio Review Task Force, and to review the terms of reference for the Environmental Information Services Working Group.
Participants:
Time and Location: 1:00 p.m., NOAA, 1315 East-West Highway, SSMC 3, Room 4527, Silver Spring, M.D.
Contact: Cynthia Decker, 301-734-1156, Cynthia.Decker@noaa.gov.

Wednesday, February 20, 2013
NSF Budget and Strategic Plan
Subject: The National Science Foundation holds a meeting for the transaction of National Science Board business to provide a budget and strategic plan update as well as present trends in science budgets and a NSF FY2014 future budget.
Time and Location: 8:00 a.m., NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Rooms 1235 and 1295, Arlington, V.A.
Contact: Dana Topousis, dtopousi@nsf.gov, 703-292-7750.

Thursday, February 21, 2013
Cradle to College and Work
Subject: The National Center for the Analysis of Longitudinal Data in Education Research (CALDER) holds a two-day research conference titled, “Cradle to College and Work: New CALDER Research” to examine how policies in grades K-12 relate to later outcomes both at the postsecondary level and in the workplace.
Time and Location: 8:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m., American Institutes for Research, 1000 Thomas Jefferson Street, NW, Washington, DC.
Contact: RSVP to Vicky at vbrady@air.org or 202-403-5795.

Friday, February 22, 2013
NBES Meeting
Subject: The Department of Education’s National Board for Education Sciences holds a meeting.
Time and Location: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., 80 F Street, NW, Room 100, Washington, DC.

Impact of Sequestration
Subject: The Center for American Progress holds event titled, “The Real-World Effect of the ‘Sequester’ to discuss what the sequester will mean for ordinary Americans, and for the country as a whole.
Participants: Scott Lilly (Moderator), Senior Fellow, CAP; Loren Thompson, Chief Operating Officer, Lexington Institute; Almeta Keys, Executive Director, Edward C. Mazique Parent Child Center, a Head Start program, Washington, D.C.; and Duncan Templeton, Director of Government Affairs, Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association; Criminal Investigator, D.C. U.S. Attorney's Office.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., 1333 H St. NW, 10th Floor, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register at: http://www.americanprogress.org/events/2013/02/14/53597/the-real-world-effect-of-the-sequester/?evlc=rsvp.

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On The Floor This Week

**Senate**
In Recess.

**House**
In Recess.

Bills to Watch

**FY2013 APPROPRIATIONS**

**House**

**Continuing Resolution**
H.J.Res.117  
Sponsor: Rep. Harold Rogers (R-KY)
FY2013 Continuing Resolution to fund the government until March 27, 2013  
(9/22/12 passed by Senate; 9/13/12 passed by House)  
Encouraging Innovation and Effective Teachers Act (3/2/12 passed by House  
Education and the Workforce Committee)

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

- U.S. House of Representatives 2010 Schedule:  
- U.S. Senate 2010 Schedule:  
  [http://www.democrats.senate.gov/calendar/2010-01.html](http://www.democrats.senate.gov/calendar/2010-01.html) or  
  [http://www.gpoaccess.gov/calendars/senate/browse.html](http://www.gpoaccess.gov/calendars/senate/browse.html)
- U.S. Senate Budget Committee: [http://www.budget.senate.gov](http://www.budget.senate.gov)
- Federal legislative information: [http://thomas.loc.gov](http://thomas.loc.gov)
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