This Week in Washington

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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.

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Weekly Calendar

Monday, February 20, 2017
Federal Holiday – President’s Day

Tuesday, February 21, 2017
National Science Board Meeting
Subject: The National Science Board (NSB) will hold a two-day meeting, February 21-22, to address science and engineering policy of interest to the National Science Foundation (NSF).
Time and Location: 8:00 a.m. – 5:20 p.m.; NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1235, Arlington, VA.
Contact: More information and a full agenda here.

Wednesday, February 22, 2017
None.

Thursday, February 23, 2017
None.

Friday, February 24, 2017
State Solutions
Subject: Politico will hold its 7th annual State Solutions Conference. The event will feature a series of conversations with governors from across the country focusing on innovative approaches in their states to address complex problems.
Participants: Governors John Hickenlooper (D-CO); Gary Herbert (R-UT); Sam Brownback (R-KS); Rick Scott (R-FL); Asa Hutchinson (R-AR); Chris Sununu (R-NH); Butch Otter (R-ID); Dannel Malloy (D-CT); and Steve Bullock (D-MT).
**Future Hearings and Events**

**Tuesday, February 28, 2017**

**Closing the Skills Gap**

**Subject:** The Partnership for 21st Century Learning (P21) will hold a briefing, "Closing the Skills Gap: Stories from the Field." Educators from P21’s recently named 21st Century Learning Exemplar Schools and Districts will discuss the policy and practice behind preparing children for college, career and life.

**Participants:** Congressmen Ryan Costello (R-PA) and Dave Loebsack (D-IA), co-chairs, Congressional 21st Century Skills Caucus.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; CVC 200.

**Contact:** Register here by Friday, February 24.

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**On The Floor This Week**

**Senate Floor:**

The Senate is in recess until Monday, February 27.

**House Floor:**

The House is in recess until Monday, February 27.

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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
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