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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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Monday, February 22, 2016

None.

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

Student Transition to College and Career
Subject: The Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL) and Boston University will hold a briefing, “Using Individualized Plans to Guide Students Toward College & Careers: Learn from the Practitioners.”
Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; 216 Hart SOB.
Contact: RSVP to farrj@iel.org.

Wednesday, February 24, 2016

House Education and the Workforce Committee Hearing on Policies of ED
Subject: The House Committee on Education and the Workforce will hold a hearing, “Examining the Policies and Priorities of the U.S. Department of Education.”
Witness: Dr. John B. King, Acting Secretary, U.S. Department of Education.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 2175 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.225.4527.

Thursday, February 25, 2016

Senate HELP Committee Hearing on Secretary of Education Nomination
Subject: The U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) will hold an executive session on the nomination of Dr. John King to serve as Secretary of Education.
Witness: Dr. John B. King, Acting Secretary, U.S. Department of Education.
Time and Location: 2:00 p.m.; 430 Dirksen SOB.  
Contact: For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.224.5375.

Friday, February 26, 2016
None.

Future Hearings and Events

Tuesday, March 1, 2016
Transition from College to Career
Subject: Northeastern University will host an event, “From College to Career: Entering with an Edge.”
Participants: Jamie Merisotis, president and CEO, Lumina Foundation; Andrew Kelly, resident scholar, American Enterprise Institute (AEI); Susan Ambrose, senior vice provost, Northeastern University; and Julie Margetta Morgan, senior officer for strategic data, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.
Time and Location: 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.; SVC 209-08
Contact: Register here.

Open Educational Resources
Subject: The Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC), Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSS), Consortium for School Networking (CoSN); and State Educational Technology Director’s Association (SETDA) will hold an event, “Understanding Open Educational Resources and Student Learning.”
Participants: Nicole Allen, director of open education, SPARC; Michael Carroll, professor of law, American University; Ethan Senack, federal higher education advocate, U.S. Public Interest Research Group; and Val Emrich, director of instructional technology, Maryland State Department of Education.
Time and Location: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; B339 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: Jamie.brandon@FLPAdvisors.com.

Wednesday, March 2, 2016
Career Pathways Forum
Subject: The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) will hold a career pathways forum to focus on the role of career and technical education in expanding career pathways systems, including a particular focus on state and federal policy activity.
Participants: Mark Mitsui, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education (ED); Sarah Heath, CO State CTE Director and past president, ACTE; Mary Claggett, project leader, Jobs for the Future; Laura Jimenez, director, College and Career Readiness Success Center, American Institutes for Research (AIR); Brent Baker, Peoria Pathways Coordinator, Greater Peoria Economic Development Council; Jeff Adkins-Dutro, president, Peoria Federation of Teachers; Chrys Limardo, project director, Technical Assistance for Implementing Career Pathways Systems; and Robin Utz, college and career transitions branch chief, Division of Academic and Technical Education, Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education, ED.
Time and Location: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; 1700 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington, VA.
Contact: RSVP to slynch@acteonline.org.

On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
S.524 - Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act

**House Floor:**
- H.R. 2406 – SHARE Act

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**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)

**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
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