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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 27, 2017
None.

Tuesday, February 28, 2017
House Education and the Workforce Subcommittee Hearing
Subject: The House Education and the Workforce Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education will hold a hearing, “Providing More Students a Pathway to Success by Strengthening Career and Technical Education.”
Witnesses: Glen Johnson, manufacturing workforce development leader, BASF Corporation; Janet Goble, director of career and technical education, Canyons School District, Sandy, UT; Victor Cato, strategic initiatives and special projects administrator, Oregon Department of Education, Salem, OR; and Mike Rowe, chief executive officer, mikeroweWORKS Foundation, Santa Monica, CA.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 2175 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.225.4527.

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.

Joint Session of Congress – Presidential Address
Subject: President Trump will speak before a joint session of Congress in what is commonly known as a State of the Union address.
Participant: President Donald J. Trump.
Time and Location: 8:30 p.m.; U.S. House of Representatives.
Contact: Watch on local, national and cable news networks.

Democratic Response
Subject: The Democrats will respond to President Trump’s address to Congress.
Participant: Gov. Steve Beshear (D), former Democratic governor of Kentucky; and Astrid Silva, immigration activist, will deliver the Spanish-language response.
Time and Location: Will begin immediately after the conclusion of President Trump’s address.
Contact: Watch on local, national and cable news networks.

Wednesday, March 1, 2017
Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee Hearing
Subject: The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation will hold a hearing, “Connected America: Improving Access to Infrastructure for Communities Across the Country.” The hearing will discuss how wise infrastructure investment decisions can ensure that all Americans benefit from improvements to national transportation and digital networks.
Witnesses: Governor Dennis Daugaard, South Dakota; Philip Levine, Mayor of Miami Beach, FL; Carlos Braceras, executive director, Utah Department of Transportation; and Shirley Bloomfield, chief executive officer, NTCA – The Rural Broadband Association.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 106 Dirksen SOB.
Contact: For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.224.1251.

House LHHS and Ed Appropriations Subcommittee – Member Day
Subject: The House Labor, Health and Human Services and Education (LHHS-ED) Appropriations Subcommittee will hold a hearing to hear Members of Congress testify on programs within the Subcommittee’s jurisdiction.
Witnesses: Members of Congress.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 2358-C Rayburn HOB.
Contact: The hearing will be webcast here.

For-Profit Colleges
Subject: The Economic Policy Institute will hold an event, to discuss the book, Lower Ed: The Troubling Rise of For-Profit Colleges in the New Economy.
Participants: Tressie McMillan Cottom, author, Lower Ed: The Troubling Rise of For-Profit Colleges in the New Economy; Carrie Wofford, president, Veterans Education Success; and Janelle Jones, economic analyst, Economic Policy Institute.
Time and Location: 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.; Economic Policy Institute, 1225 I Street, NW, #600, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register here.

Thursday, March 2, 2017
College in High School
Subject: The College in High School Alliance will hold an event, “Introducing the College in High School Alliance: Effective Strategies to Support College Affordability and Completion Through Dual Enrollment, Concurrent Enrollment & Early College High Schools.”
Participants: Anthony Lloyd, Class of 2017, Bard Early College, Baltimore, MD; Diane Mankins, superintendent, Marysville Exempted Village Schools, OH; Scott Springer, principal, CEC Early College of Denver, CO; Paul R. Watson II, dean of academic services and college transitions, Pennsylvania College of Technology; Adam Lowe, executive director, National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships; Andrea Mulkey, national director of strategic partnerships, KnowledgeWorks; and Joel Vargas, vice president of school and learning designs, Jobs for the Future.
Time and Location: 2:00 p.m.; SVC 212-10.
Contact: Register here.

Friday, March 3, 2017
None.

Future Hearings and Events

Wednesday, March 8, 2017
LHHS-ED Public Witness Day
Subject: The House Labor, Health and Human Services and Education (LHHS-ED) Appropriations Subcommittee will hold a hearing to hear representatives from the public testify on programs within the Subcommittee’s jurisdiction.
Witnesses: To be determined.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 2358-C Rayburn HOB.
Contact: The hearing will be webcast here.

On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
Confirmation of the nomination of Wilbur Ross as Secretary of Commerce
Confirmation of the nomination of Ryan Zinke as Secretary of Interior
Confirmation of the nomination of Ben Carson as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
Confirmation of the nomination of James Richard Perry as Secretary of Energy

House Floor:
H.R. 998 – SCRUB Act
H.J.Res. 83 – Disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to “Clarification of Employer’s Continuing Obligation to Make and Maintain an Accurate Record of Each Recordable Injury and Illness”
H.R. 1009 – OIRA Insight, Reform, and Accountability Act
H.R. 1004 – Regulatory Integrity Act of 2017

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

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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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