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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 29, 2016
None.

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.

State Policies on Educator Support
Subject: The New Teacher Center (NTC) will hold an event to release the report, Review of State Policies on New Educator Support.
Participants: Terry Holliday, Former Kentucky Education Commissioner, and board chair, National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and Andrea Prejean, director of teacher quality, National Education Association (NEA).
Time and Location: 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; 555 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, 7th Floor Conference Center, Washington, DC.
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.

House Ways and Means Subcommittee Hearing on Postsecondary Academic Freedom

Subject: The House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Oversight will hold a hearing, “Protecting the Free Exchange of Ideas on College Campuses.”

Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; B318 Rayburn HOB.

Contact: For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.225.3625.

FY 2017 House Appropriations for Department of Energy Science Programs

Subject: The House Energy and Waters Appropriations Subcommittee will hold a hearing on the FY 2017 budget for the science programs at the Department of Energy.

Witnesses: Dr. Franklin Orr, Under Secretary for Science and Energy, Department of Energy; Dr. Cherry Murray, director, Office of Science, Department of Energy.

Time and Location: 1:30 p.m.; 2362-B Rayburn HOB.

Thursday, March 3, 2016

National Assessment Governing Board Meeting

Subject: The National Assessment Governing Board of the Department of Education will hold the first of its 3-day (March 3-5) quarterly board meeting.

Time and Location: 2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.; 950 Stafford Street, Arlington, VA.

Contact: For inquiries on the meeting, contact 202.357.6938. For an agenda and information on open and closed sessions, click here.

Friday, March 4, 2016

None.

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Thursday, March 10, 2016

Education Research Conference
Subject: The National Center for Analysis of Longitudinal Data in Education Research (CALDER) at the American Institutes for Research (AIR) will hold its 9th annual research conference, which will bring together prominent education researchers and funders with policymakers and practitioners to have a dialogue about the types of research being produced and how the work is used in the field.  

Time and Location: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; 1000 Thomas Jefferson Street, NW, Washington, DC.  

Contact: Register here. Access a full agenda here.

On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:  
S.524 – Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2015  

House Floor:  
H.R.3716 – Medicaid Data and Directory Improvement Act  
H.R.4557 – Blocking Regulatory Interference from Closing Kilns Act of 2016

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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