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. that are relevant to CUR’s interests. Please use the bookmarks below to navigate to your area of interest.

Weekly Calendar

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MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2014
NONE.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2014
Briefing on the President’s FY 15 Budget Request
Subject: The U.S. Department of Education (ED) will hold a briefing on the President’s Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Budget Request.
Time and Location: 1:30 p.m.; ED, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Department Auditorium, Washington, DC.
Contact: No pre-registration is necessary, but ED has reminded attendees to enter the building at the C Street entrance with a photo ID and a business card, for security purposes. The event will also be live streamed at: http://edstream.ed.gov/webcast/Play/3dcdb642cb7644f0927e48aa8ff1f1fa1d.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2014
Federal Student Aid Reform
Participants: Eborah Santiago, Excelencia in Education; Kathleen Little, College Board; and Susie Saavedra, National Urban League.
**Time and Location:** 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; The Hyatt Regency Hotel, 400 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.
**Contact:** RSVP to Joseph DiBlasi at jdiblasi@ced.org.

### Senate Hearing on the President’s FY 15 Budget

**Subject:** The Senate Committee on the Budget will hold a hearing on “The President’s Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Proposal.”

**Witness:** The Honorable Sylvia M. Burwell, Director, The Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

**Time and Location:** 10:30 a.m.; 608 Dirksen SOB.

**Contact:** For inquiries about the hearing, call 202.224.0642.

### AP Computer Science

**Subject:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) will host a webinar, “AP Computer Science Principles: Broadening Participation & Changing the Landscape of Computer Science Education” to discuss a new computer science course, Computer Science Principles, that is being developed with collaborations between NSF, the College Board, and numerous computer science educators.

**Participants:** Amy Briggs, Professor of Computer Science, Middlebury College; and Owen Astrachan, Director of Undergraduate Studies in Computer Science, Duke University.

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Contact:** Register at: [https://nsf.webex.com/mw0306id/mywebex/default.do?service=1&siteurl=nsf&nomenu=true&main_url=%2Fmc0805ld%2Fe.do%3Fsitesurl%3Dnsf%26AT%3DAtM%26EventID%3D243051062%26UID%3D0%26Host%3D5d19d15e57710a0144%26RG%3D1%26FrameSet%3D2](https://nsf.webex.com/mw0306id/mywebex/default.do?service=1&siteurl=nsf&nomenu=true&main_url=%2Fmc0805ld%2Fe.do%3Fsitesurl%3Dnsf%26AT%3DAtM%26EventID%3D243051062%26UID%3D0%26Host%3D5d19d15e57710a0144%26RG%3D1%26FrameSet%3D2).

### House Hearing on the President’s FY 15 Budget Proposal

**Subject:** The House Committee on the Budget will hold a hearing on “The President’s Fiscal Year 2015 Budget.”

**Witness:** The Honorable Sylvia M. Burwell, Director, The Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

**Time and Location:** 2:00 p.m.; 210 Cannon HOB.

**Contact:** For inquiries about the hearing, call 202.226.7270.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2014

#### Federal Aid and Student Debt

**Subject:** The Center for American Progress will host an event, “Higher Education Not Debt,” to discuss the nation’s student debt reaching over one trillion dollars with college tuition still skyrocketing.

**Participants:** Anne Johnson, Executive Director, Generation Progress; Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA); Randi Weingarten, President, American Federation of Teachers; Tamar Draut, Vice President, Policy & Research, Demos; Nelini Stamp, Working Families; Max Espinoza, Senior Vice President, Education Programs and Policy, Scholarships America; Jennifer Wang, Policy & Advocacy Manager, Young Invincibles; and Sarah Audelo, Policy Director, Generation Progress.

**Time and Location:** 9:15 a.m.; Center for American Progress, 1333 H Street, NW, 10th Floor, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** Register at: [http://higherednotdebt.org/blog/official-launch-higher-ed-debt](http://higherednotdebt.org/blog/official-launch-higher-ed-debt).

### Student Surveys and Teaching

**Subject:** The American Youth Policy Forum (AYPF) will host a webinar, “Using Student Survey: Research Findings and Implications for Teaching and Learning.”

**Participants:** Dr. Ronald F. Ferguson, Harvard University; and Paul Ronevich, Science Teacher, Pittsburgh Science and Technology Academy.
Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Contact: Register at: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/537783112.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2014
Career and Technical Education Programs
Subject: The American Institute for Research (AIR) Center for Great Teachers and Leaders will host a webinar, “Supporting 21st Century Educators: How States are Promoting Career and Technical Educator Effectiveness.”
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Contact: Register at: https://air-license.webex.com/mw0307l/mywebex/default.do?nomenu=true&siteurl=air-license&service=6&rnd=0.832197473661147&main_url=https%3A%2F%2Fair-license.webex.com%2Fec0606l%2Feventcenter%2Fevent%2FeventAction.do%3FtheAction%3Dlandingfrommail%26confViewID%3D1508496163%26%26email%3Dwgrays%2540air.org%26encryptTicket%3Daeaf6448888c1ef27e8c7f053d0ec3%26%26encryptTicketRegister%3Daeaf6448888c1ef27e8c7f053d0ec3%26siteurl%3Dair-license.

On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
S.1086 - Child Care and Development Block Grant Act

House Floor:
H.R. 2824 – Preventing Government Waste and Protecting Coal Mining Jobs in America Act
H.R. 4118 – Suspending the Individual Mandate Penalty Law Equals Fairness Act
H.R. 3826 – Electricity Security and Affordability Act
H.R. 2641 – Responsibly And Professionally Invigorating Development Act

Bills to Watch

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT (ESEA)
S. 1094 Sponsor: Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA)
Strengthening American Schools Act of 2013 to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (6/12/13 passed by Senate HELP Committee)

Student Success Act to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (6/19/13 passed by House Ed and Workforce Committee)

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA)
H.R. 803 Sponsor: Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC)
Supporting Knowledge and Investing in Lifelong Skills Act (3/15/13 passed by House; 3/6/13 passed by House Education and the Workforce Committee)

S. 1356 Sponsor: Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA)
Links for Up-to-Date Information on Hearings, Legislation, and Events

U.S. House of Representatives 2013 Schedule:
http://majorityleader.gov/calendar/113thCongressFirstSession.pdf

U.S. Senate 2013 Schedule:
http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/legislative/one_item_and_teasers/2013_schedule.htm


U.S. Senate Budget Committee: http://www.budget.senate.gov

U.S. House Budget Committee: http://www.house.gov/budget

Congressional Budget Office: http://www.cbo.gov

Federal legislative information: http://thomas.loc.gov

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