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Weekly Calendar

Monday, March 6, 2017
None.

Tuesday, March 7, 2017
Learn Better Book Release
Subject: The Center for American Progress (CAP) will hold an event to release Ulrich Boser’s book, Learn Better. In the book, Boser argues that much of the conventional wisdom on learning is rooted in myth rather than evidence, and he shows the deep disconnect between the new science of learning and what actually happens in classrooms across the country.
Participants: John B. King, Jr, president and CEO, The Education Trust, former U.S. Secretary of Education; Joshua P. Staff, CEO, PDK International; and Ulrich Boser, senior fellow, CAP.
Time and Location: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.; CAP, 1333 H Street, NW, 10th Floor, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register here.

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.

Senate Commerce Committee Hearing on FCC
Subject: The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation will hold a hearing, “Oversight of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).”
Witnesses: Ajit Pai, chairman, FCC; Mignon Clyburn, commissioner, FCC; and Michael O’Rielly, commissioner, FCC.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 216 Hart SOB.
Contact: for inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.224.1251.

Thursday, March 9, 2017
House Science, Space & Technology Subcommittee Hearing on NSF
Subject: The House Science, Space & Technology Subcommittee on Research and Technology will hold a hearing, “National Science Foundation (NSF) Part 1: Overview and Oversight.”
Witnesses: Dr. France Córdova, director, NSF; and Allison Lerner, inspector general, NSF.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 2318 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: for inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.225.6371.

House Appropriations Committee Oversight Hearing
Subject: The House Committee on Appropriations will hold a hearing, “Management Challenges at the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and the Social Security Administration: Views from the Inspectors General.”
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 2358-B Rayburn HOB.
Contact: for inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.225.2771.

Friday, March 10, 2017
None.

Future Hearings and Events

Tuesday, March 14, 2017
Women in STEM
Subject: The Women’s Bureau at the Department of Labor will hold an event, “Bias, Barriers and Breakthroughs.” The moderated discussion will center on the critical contributions of women and girls to science, technology, engineering, and math innovation in the United States.
Participants: Aprille Ericsson, capture manager, NASA; Lisa Ransom, senior policy advisor, National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity; Jessie DeAro, lead program director, National Science Foundation ADVANCE; and Bernadette Hence, program manager, Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program, U.S. Department of Education.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register here.

On The Floor This Week
Senate Floor:
H.J.Res.37 – disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Defense, the General Services Administration and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) relating to the Federal Acquisition Regulation

House Floor:

S. 442 – National Aeronautics and Space Administration Transition Authorization Act of 2017
H.R. 1301 – Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2017
H.R. 725 – Innocent Party Protection Act
H.R. 985 – Fairness in Class Action Litigation and Furthering Asbestos Claim Transparency Act of 2017
H.R. 720 – Lawsuit Abuse Reduction 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)

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