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Monday, March 14, 2016
None.

Tuesday, March 15, 2016
House Appropriations Subcommittee Hearing on FCC Budget
Subject: The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government will hold a hearing on the Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC) FY2017 budget.
Witnesses: Tom Wheeler, Chairman, FCC; and Ajit Pai, Commissioner, FCC.
Time and Location: 2:00 p.m.; B-308 Rayburn, HOB.
Contact: For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.225.2771.

Education for Upward Mobility
Subject: The Thomas B. Fordham Institute (Fordham) will hold an event, “Education for Upward Mobility: The Reform Conservative’s Education Agenda.”
Participants: Michael Petrilli, president, Fordham; Neil Bradley, chief strategy officer, Conservative Reform Network; Gerard Robinson, resident fellow, Education Policy Studies, American Enterprise Institute (AEI); Isabel Sawhill, senior fellow, The Brookings Institution; and Michael Franc, director of DC programs, Hoover Institution.
Time and Location: 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.; 1399 New York Avenue, NW, The Johnson Center, Suite 500, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register here.

Wednesday, March 16, 2016
**House Science, Space, and Technology Committee Hearing on NIST**

**Subject:** The House Science, Space, Technology Committee Hearing, “An Overview of the Budget Proposal for the National Institute of Standards and Technology for FY2017”

**Participant:** Dr. Willie E. May, director, National Institute of Standards and Technology

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m. 2318 Rayburn House Office Building

**Contact:** For inquiries on the hearing, contact 202.225.6371

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**House Appropriations Subcommittee Hearing on National Science Foundation**

**Subject:** The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies will hold a hearing to discuss the FY2017 budget of the National Science Foundation (NSF).

**Witness:** France A. Cordova, director, NSF.

**Time and Location:** 10:30 a.m.; H-309 Capitol Building.

**Contact:** For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.225.2771.

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**Advisory Boards and CTE**

**Subject:** The National Center for College and Career Transitions (NC3T) will hold a webinar, “Building Advisory Boards that Work for You.”

**Participant:** Thom Suddreth, director, Professional Learning and Presentation Services, NC3T.

**Time:** 1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

**Contact:** Register here.

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**Job Skills and Minority Youth**

**Subject:** The Forum for Youth Investment will hold a conference call, “Thought Leader Roundtable: Job Skills and Minority Youth: Putting Theory into Practice.”

**Participants:** Karen Pittman, president and CEO, The Forum for Youth Investment; and Bart Hirsch, professor, Human Development and Social Policy, Northwestern University.

**Time:** 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Contact:** Register here.

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**Strategies for STEM**

**Subject:** The National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity (NAPE) will hold a webinar, “Strategies for STEM – Solving the Education Equation, Part 2: Increase Student Access, Educational Equity, and Workforce Diversity.”

**Participants:** Mimi Lufkin, CEO, NAPE; Ben Williams, director of special projects, NAPE; and Meagan Pollock, director of professional development, NAPE.

**Time:** 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Contact:** Register here.

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**Randomized Control Trials in Education Research**

**Subject:** The American Enterprise Institute (AEI) will hold an event, “Do Random Control Trials in Education Meet the ‘Gold Standard’?”

**Participants:** John Easton, The Spencer Foundation; Michael J. Feuger, George Washington University; Alan Ginsburg, U.S. Department of Education; Nat Malkus, AEI; Rebecca Maynard, University of Pennsylvania; and Marshall S. Smith, Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

**Time and Location:** 4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.; 1150 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** Register here.

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**Thursday, March 17, 2016**

None.

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**Friday, March 18, 2016**

None.

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None currently announced.

On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
Nomination of John B. King to serve as Secretary of Education

House Floor:
H.R. 3797 – SENSE Act
H.R. 4596 – Small Business Broadband Deployment 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

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