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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, March 21, 2016
None.

Tuesday, March 22, 2016
House Appropriations Subcommittee Hearing on ED Budget
Subject: The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies will hold a hearing to discuss the FY2017 budget of the Department of Education.
Witness: Dr. John B. King, Secretary of Education.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 2358-C Rayburn HOB.
Contact: For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.225.2771.

House Education and the Workforce Committee Hearing on Student Data Privacy
Subject: The House Education and the Workforce Committee will hold a hearing, "Strengthening Education Research and Privacy Protections to Better Serve Students."
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 2175 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.225.3725.

House Science, Space & Technology Subcommittee hearing on NSF Budget Proposal
Subject: The Science, Space & Technology Subcommittee on Research and Technology will hold a hearing to discuss the FY2017 budget proposal for the National Science Foundation (NSF)
Witness: Dr. France Córdova, director, NSF; and Dr. Dan E Arvizu, chairman, National Science Board.
Time and Location: 2:00 p.m.; 2318 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.225.6371.
**Wednesday, March 23, 2016**

**House Research & Development Caucus**

**Subject:** The House Research and Development Caucus will hold a public lunch briefing to discuss Research and Development in the FY2017 budget.

**Host:** The American Association for the Advancement of Science.

**Time and Location:** 3:00 p.m.; 385 Russell SOB.

**Contact:** To RSVP, go [here](#).

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**Senate Briefing on Research & Development Funding**

**Subject:** Senators Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Richard Durbin (D-IL) will coordinate a public briefing to discuss Research and Development in the FY2017 budget.

**Host:** The American Association for the Advancement of Science.

**Time and Location:** 12:00 p.m.; B-369 Rayburn HOB.

**Contact:** To RSVP, go [here](#).

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**Thursday, March 24, 2016**

None.

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**Friday, March 25, 2016**

None.

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**Future Hearings and Events**

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**Monday, March 28, 2016**

**Future of College Assessment**

**Subject:** New America will hold an event, “The Future of College Assessment.”

**Participants:** Kevin Carey, director, education policy program, New America; Alberto Acerada, senior director of business development and global education, Educational Testing Service (ETS); and Roger Benjamin, president, Council for Aid to Education.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; 740 15th Street, NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** Register [here](#).

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**Thursday, March 31, 2016**

**Innovation in Urban Public Higher Education**

**Subject:** The Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU) and Coalition of Urban Serving Universities (USU) will hold an event “Ambitious and Transformative Approaches to Urban Public Higher Education Completion: Collaborating for Change.”

**Participants:** Mark Rosenberg, president, Florida International University; Sukhwant Jhaj, vice provost for academic innovation and student success, Portland State University; and Thomas Moss, associate vice provost, University of Illinois at Chicago.

**Time and Location:** 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.; 529 14th Street, NW, First Amendment Lounge, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** Register [here](#).

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**On The Floor This Week**

**Senate Floor:**

The Senate is in recess until the week of April 4.
House Floor:

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

U.S. House of Representatives 2016 Schedule
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