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. affecting American education. Please use the bookmarks below to navigate to your area of interest.

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Monday, May 16, 2016
None.

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

Nation’s Technology and Engineering Literacy
Subject: The National Assessment Governing Board (NAGB) and the National Center for Education Statistics will release results of the first-ever Nation’s Report Card: Technology and Engineering Literacy.
Participants: Senator Gary Peters (D-MI) (virtual participation); Jeevak Badve, vice president of strategic growth, Sundberg-Ferar; Mike Balatzis, infrastructure and cloud consultant, C/D/H; Chris Barman, vice president, Fiat Chrysler Automobiles; Peggy Carr, acting commissioner, National Center for Education Statistics; Virginia Edwards, president and editor, Editorial Projects in Education; Tonya Matthews, president and CEO, Michigan Science Center and Member, NAGB; Terry Mazany, president and CEO, Chicago Community Trust, chairman, NAGB; Scot Osterweil, creative director, Education Arcade, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT); Sonya Pouncy, co-founder, 313 Construction; Cary Sneider, associate professor, Portland State University; and Brian J. Whiston, state superintendent, MI.
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Contact: Register here. The event will take place in Detroit, however segments will be livestreamed.

House Education and the Workforce Hearing on Perkins Career and Technical Education
Subject: The House Committee on Education and the Workforce will hold a hearing, “Helping Students Succeed by Strengthening the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act.”
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 2175 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.225.4527. It will be webcast.
**Wednesday, May 18, 2016**  
**House CJS Subcommittee Mark Up of FY Appropriations Bill**  
**Subject:** The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and Science will mark up the FY2017 Commerce, Justice, and Science appropriations bill.  
**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m.; 2358 Rayburn HOB.  
**Contact:** For inquiries on the mark up, contact: 202.225.2771.

**Thursday, May 19, 2016**  
None.

**Friday, May 20, 2016**  
None.

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**Future Hearings and Events**

**Wednesday, May 25, 2016**  
**Cost of Attendance**  
**Subject:** New America will host an event, “More Than Tuition: Cost of Attendance and Today’s College Students.”  
**Participants:** Kim Dancy, policy analyst, New America; Rachel Fishman, senior policy analyst, New America; Barbara Gault, vice president and executive director, Institute for Women’s Policy Research; Jee Hang Lee, vice president for public policy and external relations, Association of Community College Trustees.  
**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; 740 15th Street, NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC.  
**Contact:** [Register here](#).

**Thursday, May 26, 2016**  
**Presidential Forum**  
**Subject:** The Committee for Education Funding (CEF) will host a Presidential forum that will focus on the Presidential candidates’ policy platforms relating to education.  
**Participants:** Ann O’Leary, senior policy advisor, Clinton Campaign; others confirmed but speakers TBD.  
**Time and Location:** 9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.; Newseum, 555 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.  
**Contact:** RSVP to ally@jbernsteinstrategy.com.

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**On The Floor This Week**

**Senate Floor:**

- [H.R.2577](#) – Treasury and Housing and Urban Affairs Department/ Military Construction and Veterans’ Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017  
  - Nelson [SA #3898](#) ($1.9billion Zika funding)  
  - Cornyn [SA #3899](#) ($1.1billion Zika funding, $1.2billion offset through ACA prevention fund cut)  
  - Blunt-Murray [SA #3900](#) ($1.1billion Zika funding)

**House Floor:**

- Democratic Motion to Instruct Conferees on [S. 524](#) – Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016  
- [H.R. 4974](#) – Military Construction and Veterans’ Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017

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Bills to Watch

FY 2017 APPROPRIATIONS
S. #   Sponsor: Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL)

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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