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Monday, July 18, 2016
Republican National Convention
Subject: The Republican National Convention will take place July 18 – 21 in Cleveland, OH.
Contact: For more information, click here.

Tuesday, July 19, 2016
International Education Benchmarking
Subject: The National Center on Education and the Economy (NCEE) will hold a webinar to virtually release, “Not So Elementary: A Report Release from NCEE’s Center on International Education Benchmarking” that looks at how top-performing education systems ensure that their elementary school teachers have deep content knowledge in the subjects they teach.
Participants: Marc Tucker, president and CEO, NCEE; Ben Jensen, CEO, Learning First; Sharon Robinson, president and CEO, American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education; Lee Shulman, professor emeritus, Stanford University; and Gary Sykes, senior research director, Understanding Teaching Quality Center, Educational Testing Service and professor emeritus, Michigan State University.
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Contact: Register here.

Career Pathways and State Context (E&S, H)
Subject: The College and Career Readiness and Success Center at the American Institutes for Research (AIR) will hold the second of a series of webinars, “Understanding the State Context to Inform Career Pathway Design.”
Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 20, 2016
Research Networking Support at National Science Foundation
Subject: The National Science Foundation’s (NSF) Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) National Coordination Office (NCO) will hold a meeting of the Large Scale Networking (LSN)-Joint Engineering Team to discuss information sharing among federal agencies and non-federal participants with interest in high performance research networking and networking to support science applications.
Time and Location: 11:00 a.m.; 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.
Contact: RSVP to miller@nitrd.gov.

Thursday, July 21, 2016
College Recruitment
Subject: New America will hold an event, “Colleges in the Age of Enrollment Management: Engines of Opportunity or Perpetuators of Inequality?”
Participants: Donald Hossler, emeritus professor of educational leadership and policy studies, Indiana University; Ozan Jaquette, assistant professor of higher education and organizational change, University of California at Los Angeles; Lesley Turner, assistant professor of economics, University of Maryland at College Park; Ken Redd, director of research and policy analysis, National Association of College and University Business Officers; and Stephen Burd, senior policy analyst, Education Policy Program, New America.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; 740 15th Street, NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register here.

Friday, July 22, 2016
None.

Future Hearings and Events

Monday, July 25, 2016
Democratic National Convention
Subject: The Democratic National Convention will take place July 25 – 28 in Philadelphia, PA.
Contact: For more information, click here.

Career Pathways
Subject: The College and Career Readiness and Success Center at the American Institutes of Research (AIR) will hold a webinar, “Creating Coherence with Career Pathways.” Discussion will center on key initiatives for states to consider in making decisions on career pathways and how pathways fit into the larger education context.
Time: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Contact: Register here.

On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
The Senate is in recess until September 6.

House Floor:
The House is in recess until September 6.

Bills to Watch

FY 2017 APPROPRIATIONS

S. 2837  Sponsor: Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL)

H.R. 5393 Sponsor: Rep. John Culberson (R-TX)

S. 3040 Sponsor: Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO)
Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Act of FY 2017 (6/9/16 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 6/7/16 Passed by Subcommittee)

H.R. 5538 Sponsor: Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA)
Interior and Environment Appropriations Act of FY 2017 (6/15/16 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 5/25/16 Passed by Subcommittee)

S.3068 Sponsor: Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)
Interior and the Environment Appropriations Act of FY2016 (6/16/2016 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 6/14/2016 Passed by Subcommittee)

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
U.S. Senate 2016 Schedule
U.S. Department of Education
U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce
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