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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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Weekly Calendar

Monday, September 18, 2017
None.

Tuesday, September 19, 2017
Teacher Turnover (E&S, H)
Subject: The Learning Policy Institute, the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO), the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE), and the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) will host a panel discussion on “Understanding Teacher Turnover: Why it Matters and What We Can Do About It.” This forum will present new data on the extent, nature, and cost of teacher turnover, and recommendations for addressing the issue, including evidence-based policies at the federal, state, and local levels to create a strong pipeline into the profession and provide ongoing support to increase retention.
Participats: Linda Darling-Hammond, president and CEO, Learning Policy Institute; Desiree Carver-Thomas, research and policy associate, Learning Policy Institute; Segun Eubanks, chair, Board of Education, Prince George’s County, MD; Seth Gerson, program director, Education Division, National Governors Association; Antonio Iglesias, science teacher, Newark Public Schools, NJ and Nailiah Williams, student leader and board member, Californians for Justice.
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (Registration and a light breakfast will begin at 8:30 a.m.); Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Conference Center, Root Room; 1779 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.
Contact: RSVP (acceptance only). Space is limited.
Senate HELP Committee Nomination Hearing (E&S, H, D)
Subject: The Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee will hold a confirmation hearing on the nominations of Carlos Muniz to serve as general counsel at the Education Department and Janet Dhillon and Daniel Gade to serve as members of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 430 Dirksen SOB.
Contact: For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.224.5375.

Making Sense of Personalized Learning (E&S)
Subject: The American Youth Policy Forum and the American Institutes for Research will host a webinar to outline common personalized learning approaches, examples of what they look like in practice, conditions for implementation, and how they can be used to promote specific aspects of college and career readiness.
Participants: Jennifer Brown Lerner, deputy director, American Youth Policy Forum (Moderator); Catherine Jacques, researcher, American Institutes for Research; Susan Patrick, president and CEO, iNACOL; Mark Williams, technical advisor, Center on Innovations in Learning; and Sam Redding, senior learning specialist, Center on Innovations in Learning.
Time: 2:00 p.m.-3:15 p.m.
Contact: RSVP Here.

Effective Use of Technology in the Classroom (E&S, H)
Subject: Education Week will host a webinar on how to effectively use technology for classroom instruction.
Participants: Clarissa Plair, national education consultant, Istation; and Rebecca Putnam, education researchers and assistant professor of curriculum and instruction, Tarleton State University, TX.
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Contact: RSVP Here.

Wednesday, September 20, 2017
Pathways to Success for Disadvantaged Students (E&S, H)
Subject: The Center on Children and Families at Brookings will host an event on the need for better and varied pathways to college and the job market for disadvantaged students.
Participants: Ron Haskins, senior fellow of economic studies, Brookings; Harry J. Holzer, nonresident senior fellow of economic studies, Brookings; Sandy Baum, senior fellow, Urban Institute; Richard V. Reeves, senior fellow of economic studies, Brookings; Lashawn Richburg-Hayes, vice president, Insight Policy Research; and David Baime, senior vice president for government relations and policy analysis, American Association of Community Colleges.
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.; Brookings Institution, Falk Auditorium, 1775 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C.
Contact: RSVP Here.

Ensuring a Safe and Inclusive School Environment for LGBTQ Students (E&S, H)
Subject: The Center for Education Equity (CEE) in partnership with the Intercultural Development Research Center (IDRA) will host a webinar to present diverse perspectives and strategies on how to create safe and positive school environments to protect the civil rights and socio-emotional well-being of LGBTQ students.
Participants: Neena Chaudhry, director of education and senior counsel, National Women’s Law Center; Deborah Bradley and Stephen Hamilton, parents of transgender daughter and parent group facilitators (MA); Jabari Lyles, executive director, GLSEN Maryland; and Christian McCormick, transgender student, Lafayette High School (KY).
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Contact: RSVP Here.

Developing High-Quality Teachers (E&S, H)
Subject: The National Center on Education and the Economy will hold a webinar, “Empowered Educators,” which will examine how high-performing countries use professional learning, mentoring and induction to develop high-quality teachers.
Participants: Carol Campbell, associate professor of leadership and educational change, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto; Ann McIntyre, principal, superintendent and state policy leader, Australia; Misty Sato, associate professor of teacher development and science education, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities; Joshua Starr, CEO, PDK International; and Roger King, president and CEO, Center for the Collaborative Classroom.

Time: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Contact: RSVP Here.

Thursday, September 21, 2017

Teacher Evaluation and Support Systems (E&S, H)

Subject: The Educational Testing Service (ETS) and the National Network of State Teachers of the Year will hold an event to highlight findings from their new report on teacher evaluation and support systems.

Participants: Laura Goe, research scientist, ETS; Caroline Wylie, education scientist, ETS; David Bosso, 2012 CT State Teacher of the Year; and Derek Olson, 2008 MN State Teacher of the Year.

Time and Location: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; 1800 M Street, NW, Suite 425, Washington D.C.

Contact: RSVP Here.

Friday, September 22, 2017

Announcement of an Effort to Expand the NSF INCLUDES National Network (E&S, H)

Subject: Members of the NSF INCLUDES Implementation Working Group will present a web seminar on the new NSF INCLUDES Dear Colleague Letter: Announcement of an Effort to Expand the NSF INCLUDES National Network. There will be a chat option available for questions during the webinar.

Participants: Members of NSF INCLUDES.

Time: 12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Contact: RSVP Here.

Future Hearings and Events

Thursday, September 28, 2017

Higher Education Reform to Better Meet Workforce Needs (H)

Subject: BPC, in partnership with Third Way, will hold a conversation about why state leaders need both institutions and the federal government to make sure students who start a postsecondary program finish with the skills they need to compete in today’s workforce.

Time and Location: 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.; Top of the Hill Banquet and Conference Center, 1 Constitution Avenue, NE, Washington D.C.

Contact: RSVP Here.

On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:

House Floor:
In recess until Monday, September 25.
Bills to Watch

FY 2018 APPROPRIATIONS

Omnibus Appropriations

**H.R. 3354**  *Sponsor: Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA)*  
Make America Secure and Prosperous Appropriations Act, 2018 (FY 2018 Omnibus Appropriations Act (9/14/17 Passed by House of Representatives)

FY 2018 House Budget Resolution (7/19/17 Passed by Budget Committee)

**H.R. 3267**  *Sponsor: Rep. John Culberson (R-TX)*  

**S. 1662**  *Sponsor: Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL)*  

**H.R. 3358**  *Sponsor: Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK)*  
Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Act of FY 2018 (7/19/17 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 7/13/17 Passed by Subcommittee)

**S. 1771**  *Sponsor: Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO)*  
Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Act of FY 2018 (9/7/17 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 9/6/17 Passed by Subcommittee)

**H.R. 3354**  *Sponsor: Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA)*  
Interior and Environment Appropriations Act of FY 2018 (9/14/17 Passed by House; 7/18/17 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 7/12/17 Passed by Subcommittee)

CARL D. PERKINS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ACT

**H.R. 2353**  *Sponsor: Representative Glenn Thompson (R-PA)*  
Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (6/22/17 Passed House of Representatives; 6/7/17 Passed by Education & Workforce Committee)

Links for Up-to-Date Information on Hearings, Legislation, and Events

- U.S. House of Representatives 2017 Schedule
- U.S. Senate 2017 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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