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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. that are relevant to CUR’s interests. Please use the bookmarks below to navigate to your area of interest.

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Monday, September 21, 2015
None.

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

Building a Skilled Urban Workforce

Subject: Politico will host an all-day event, “What Works: Washington, DC,” to discuss how cities can educate a skilled workforce for the jobs of today and tomorrow.

Participants: Karl Dean, Mayor, Nashville, TN; John King, deputy secretary, U.S. Department of Education; Karen Mills, former administrator, U.S. Small Business administration, senior fellow, Harvard University; and Margaret Raymond, director, Center for Research on Education Outcomes, Stanford University.

Time and Location: 8:00 a.m.; 640 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

Contact: Register here.

CTE and Postsecondary Pathways

Subject: The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) will hold an event, “Postsecondary Pathways to Success: Strengthening Career and Technical Education in the Higher Education Act.”

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202.289.3900 | 202.371.0197 (fax)
**Participants:** Stephen DeWitt, deputy executive director, ACTE (moderator); Harry Snyder, president, Great Oaks Career Campuses; John Cech, deputy commissioner for academic and student affairs, Montana University System; Kermit Kaleba, federal policy director, National Skills Coalition; and Jennifer Stiddard, senior public policy associate, Association of Community College Trustees.

**Time and Location:** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.; 385 Russell SOB.

**Contact:** RSVP to slynch@acteonline.org.

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**Blended Learning**

**Subject:** Education Week will hold a webinar, “Implementing Blended Learning: The Myth vs. The Reality.”

**Participants:** Stacy Hawthorne, blended learning consultant, Edgenuity; Dana Spurlin, instructional technology director, Tift County Schools, GA; and Jennifer Slackman, director of product marketing, Edgenuity.

**Time:** 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Contact:** Register here.

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**Wednesday, September 23, 2015**

None.

**Thursday, September 24, 2015**

None.

**Friday, September 25, 2015**

**Early Interventions**

**Subject:** The Institute of Education Sciences will hold an event, “Building Strength in Numbers: How do Early Interventions in Math Instruction Add Up?”

**Participants:** Hirokaszu Yoshikawa, professor, New York University; Prentice Starkey, project director, WestEd; and Douglas Clements, professor, University of Denver.

**Time and Location:** 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.; 562 Dirksen SOB.

**Contact:** Register here.

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**Future Hearings and Events**

**Monday, September 28, 2015**

**Education Leaders**

**Subject:** The Thomas B. Fordham Institute and EdFuel will hold an event and webcast, “Hidden in Plain Sight: Developing Tomorrow’s Leaders of the Education Sector.”

**Time and Location:** 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.; 1016 16th Street, NW, 7th Floor, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** Register here.

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**Tuesday, September 29, 2015**

**NSF Committee Meeting of EHR Advisory Committee**

**Subject:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) will hold a web-based Education & Human Resources (EHR) Advisory Committee Meeting.

**Time:** 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Contact:** Register here.

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**Wednesday, September 30, 2015**

**Secretary Duncan Speaks on the Future of Education Policy**
Subject: The National Press Club will hold a luncheon in which U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan will discuss the future of education policy.

Participant: U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan.

Time and Location: 12:30 p.m.; 529 14th Street, 13th Floor, Holeman Lounge, Washington, DC.

Contact: Tickets are $23 for Press Club members and $37 for non-members; Register here.

Friday, October 2, 2015

Career Preparation Pathways

Subject: The Alliance for Excellent Education will hold an event, “Raising the Bar for the Quality of Career Preparation Pathways: Apprenticeships.”

Participants: Jack Hayes, director of school improvement and innovation, Fayette County Public Schools, KY; Mariana Haynes, senior fellow, Alliance for Excellent Education; Terry Holliday, former Kentucky State Commissioner of Education; Ursula Renold, head of division, Comparative Education System Research, KOF Swiss Economic Institute; and Heather Singmaster, assistant director of education, Asia Society.

Time and Location:
Contact: Register here.

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Senate Floor:
H.R.36 – Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act

House Floor:
H.R. 348 – RAPID Act

**Additional legislative items are possible

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APPROPRIATIONS

H.R.2578 Sponsor: Rep. John Culberson (R-TX)

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

H.R.2822 Sponsor: Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA)

S. 1645 Sponsor: Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)

**H.R. #** Sponsor: Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK)
Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Act of FY 2016 (6/24/15 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 6/17/2015 Passed by Subcommittee)

**S. 1695** Sponsor: Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO)

**ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT (ESEA)**
**S. 1177** Sponsor: Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)
Every Child Achieves Act of 2015 (4/16/2015 Passed HELP Committee and moved to the Senate Legislative Calendar)

**H.R. 5** Sponsor: Rep. John Kline (R-MN)
Student Success Act (2/27/2015 Debated and amended on the House Floor. A final vote is still pending; 2/11/15 Education and the Workforce Committee mark up.)

**EDUCATION SCIENCES REFORM ACT (ESRA)**
**S. 227** Sponsor: Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)
Strengthening Education through Research Act (2/04/2015 Passed HELP Committee)

**AMERICA COMPETES ACT**
**H.R. 1806** Sponsor: Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX)
America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2015 (05/20/2015 Passed the House, 04/22/2015 Passed the Science, Space and Technology Committee)

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