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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

Key:  E&S – Elementary & Secondary;  H – Higher Education;  D – Disability Policy

Monday, September 25, 2017
None.

Tuesday, September 26, 2017
Facility Needs of Impacted Schools (E&S)
Subject:  The National Association of Federally Impacted Schools will hold a briefing to discuss the troubling state of facilities in school districts, highlighted in their new report, “Foundations for Learning: The School Facilities Needs of Federally Impacted Schools.”
Participants:  Jim Sarruda, MTLLS, Northern Burlington Regional County School District, NJ; Jerrod Wheeler, MISA, Knob Noster Public Schools, MO; Voyd St. Pierre, NIISA, Rocky Boy School District #87, MT; and Christina Giraldo, FLISA, Sierra Sands USD, CA.
Time and Location:  9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.; Capitol Visitor’s Center, SVC-203.
Contact:  RSVP to intern1@NAFISdc.org.

Bridging Assessment Gaps: Best Practice, Institutional Improvement and Accountability (H)
Subject:  Educational Testing Service will host an event to discuss the trends, ongoing research, and best practices with educational assessments, as well as implications for colleges, universities, and policy makers.
Participants:  Javarro Russell, Ph.D., senior assessment strategist for higher education, ETS; and Ross Markle, Ph.D., senior assessment strategist for higher education, ETS.
Time and Location: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.; 1800 M Street, NW, Suite 425, Washington, D.C.
Contact: RSVP Here.

'Ignite My Future in School' Program Launch Event (E&S)
Subject: Tata Consultancy Services and Discovery Education will hold an event to celebrate the launch of “Ignite My Future in School,” a program that aims to equip more than 1 million students and 20,000 educators with resources to advance STEM skills.
Time and Location: 1:00 p.m.; Discovery Communications, 1 Discovery Place, Silver Spring, MD.
Contact: For inquiries on the event, contact: 800.323.9084.

Impact of Professional Learning By Building Evaluation and Data Collection (E&S)
Subject: Learning Forward will host a webinar, “Speak up for Title II: Evidence and Evaluation Data.”
Participants: Theresa Bennett, director, Office of Assessment, Delaware Department of Education; Angela Minnici, senior director for state strategy and policy, WestEd; and David Silver, director, Center for Evaluation and the Study of Educational Equity at RTI International.
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Contact: RSVP Here.

Educator Advocacy (E&S, H, D)
Subject: Teach Plus will host a webinar discussion on the new book, How to Be Heard: Ten Lessons Teachers Need to Advocate for their Students and Profession.
Participant: Celine Coggins, founder and outgoing CEO, Teach Plus.
Time: 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Contact: Register Here.

Wednesday, September 27, 2017
Senate HELP Committee Markup on Nomination (E&S, H, D)
Subject: The Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee will hold a markup to vote on the nominations of Patrick Pizzella to be deputy Labor secretary; Janet Dhillon to be a member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and upon confirmation designated chairwoman; Daniel Gade to be a member of the EEOC; and Carlos Muniz to be general counsel of the Education Department.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 430 Dirksen SOB.
Contact: For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.224.5375.

House Veterans' Affairs Committee Hearing on the GI Bill (H)
Subject: The House Veterans' Affairs Committee's Economic Opportunity Subcommittee will hold a hearing on “How to Improve Access to GI Bill Approved Apprenticeship Programs and How these Programs Benefit Veterans.”
Time and Location: 2:00 p.m.; 334 Cannon HOB.
Contact: For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.225.3527.

Impact of Philanthropy in Education (E&S, H, D)
Subject: The George Washington University (GWU) Graduate School of Education and Human Development will host a forum on the impact of philanthropy in education, part of the school’s “Conversations that Matter” series.
Participants: Dr. Chip Edelsberg, former executive director, Jim Joseph Foundation; and Michael Feuer, dean, GWU Graduate School of Education and Human Development.
Time and Location: 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.; 800 22nd Street, NW, Room B1220, Washington, D.C.
Contact: RSVP Here.

Thursday, September 28, 2017
Higher Education Reform to Better Meet Workforce Needs (H)
Subject: The Bipartisan Policy Center, 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.
Participants: Former Governor Jim Douglas (R-VT) (moderator); Scott Pulsipher, president, Western Governors University; Former Governor Mike Beebe (D-AR); Former Governor Steve Beshear (D-KY); and Former Governor Linda Lingle (R-HI).

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.

Friday, September 29, 2017
None.

Future Hearings and Events

Wednesday, October 4, 2017
Sustainable College Promise Initiatives (H)
Subject: ETS and the College Promise Campaign will host an event to release a new report, “Designing Sustainable Funding for College Promise Initiatives.” Models included in the report include: Privately Funded; Children's Savings Accounts; State Funded; Federal Financial Aid Re-design; and Outcomes-based Financing.
Time and Location: 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; National Press Club, 529 14th Street, NW, Washington, D.C.
Contact: Register Here.

Education Department Hearing on Cutting Regulations (H)
Subject: The Education Department will hold a hearing focused on identifying higher education regulations and guidance “that may be appropriate for repeal, replacement or modification.”
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m.; U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Barnard Auditorium, Washington, D.C.
Contact: For inquiries on the hearing, contact: Wendy.Macias@ed.gov.

Using Data to Improve Teacher Preparation (E&S, H)
Subject: The Data Quality Campaign will host a webinar to discuss the role of education data use in improving teacher preparation.
Participants: Katie Anderson, 2013 SD Teacher of the Year and instructor, College of Education, Dakota State University; Nicole DellaRocco, data specialist for educator preparation, Center for Instructional Support, Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; and Anthony Graham, professor and dean, College of Education, North Carolina A&T State University.
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Contact: Register Here.

On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
Vote on the confirmation of William Emanuel to be a Member, NLRB.
Possible vote on the Graham/Cassidy Healthcare bill.

House Floor:
H.R. 2824 – Increasing Opportunity and Success for Children and Parents through Evidence-Based Home Visiting Act
H.R. 2792 – Control Unlawful Fugitive Felons Act of 2017
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
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