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

Monday, November 9, 2015
Higher Education Affordability (H)
Subject: The Lumina Foundation will hold a webinar, “Affordability Benchmark for Higher Education: A Discussion of the Implications.”
Participants: Jamie Merisotis, president and CEO, Lumina Foundation; Zakiya Smith, strategy director, Lumina Foundation; Sarah Bauder, senior program officer, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; Robyn Hiestand, director of higher education policy, The Education Trust; Mark Huelsman, senior policy analyst, Demos; Nate Johnson, principal, Postsecondary Analytics; Marnie Voight, director of policy research, Institute for Higher Education Policy; Dwayne Matthews, vice president of strategy development, Lumina Foundation; Sarah Ancel, associate commissioner for policy and legislation, Indiana Commission for Higher Education; Sarah Flanagan, vice president for government relations and policy, National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities; Garrett Groves, economic opportunity program director, Center for Public Policy Priorities; and Jee Hang Lee, vice president for public policy and external relations, Association of Community College Trustees.
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Contact: Register here.

“Ability to Benefit” Provision (H)
Subject: The Department of Education’s, Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education (OCTAE) will hold a webinar on the “Ability to Benefit” provision in the Higher Education Act. Department staff will
provide guidance on how students can qualify and state and community college officials will share examples of how the provision is being utilized to support low-income, underprepared students.

Participants: Mark Mitsui, deputy assistant secretary for community colleges, OCTAE; Carney McCullough, director, Policy Development Group, Department of Education’s Office of Postsecondary Education; David Musser, policy liaison, Federal Student Aid; Maria Flynn, senior vice president, Jobs for the Future; Jon Kerr, director, Adult Basic Education, Washington State Board for Community & Technical Colleges; Mary Clagett, program director, Jobs for the Future; Lauren E. Walizer, senior policy analyst, Center for Postsecondary and Economic Success, Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP); and Derek Ball, financial aid officer, Kentucky Community & Technical College System.

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Contact: Register here.

Next-Generation High Schools (E&S)

Subject: The Alliance for Excellent Education and Change the Equation, in conjunction with the White House Next Gen High School Summit will host a live feed webinar, “Most Likely to Succeed: A Screening and Discussion on Next-Generation High Schools.”

Participants: Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI); Edward Brown, graduate, Springfield Renaissance School, MA; Ted Dintersmith, executive producer, Most Likely to Succeed; Roberto Rodriguez, deputy assistant to the president for education, White House Domestic Policy Council; Linda Rosen, CEO, Change the Equation; and Bob Wise, president, Alliance for Excellent Education.

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

Contact: Register here.

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

None.

Wednesday, November 11, 2015

Federal Holiday – Veteran’s Day

Thursday, November 12, 2015

Hearing on Funding Unauthorized Programs (E&S, H, D)

Subject: The Senate Budget Committee will hold a hearing on spending on unauthorized programs.

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m.; 608 Dirksen SOB.

Contact: 202.224.0642 for questions about hearing.

Future of Libraries (E&S, H, D)

Subject: New America will hold an event, “Will Libraries Outlive Books?”

Participants: Miguel Figueroa, director, Center for the Future of Libraries, American Library Association; Deborah Jacobs, director, Global Libraries Initiative, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; Elizabeth Merritt, founding director, Center for the Future of Museums, American Association of Museums; James O’Donnell, university librarian, Arizona State University; Justin Peters, writer, Slate; Richard Reyes-Gavilan, executive director, D.C. Public Library; and Jesse Sheidlower, Lexicographer.

Time and Location: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.; 740 15th Street, NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC.

Contact: Register here.

Friday, November 13, 2015

None.

Future Hearings and Events

Monday, November 16, 2015

Statewide Afterschool Networks (E&S)
**Subject:** The American Youth Policy Forum (AYPF) will hold a webinar, “Increasing Investment in Afterschool: The Role of Statewide Afterschool Networks.”

**Participants:** Alli Lidie, deputy director, Afterschool Works! NY, the NY Afterschool Network; Debbie Zipes, president, Indiana Afterschool Network; and Ardith Wieworka, CEO, Massachusetts Afterschool Partnership.

**Time:** 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Contact:** [Register here.](#)

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**On The Floor This Week**

**Senate Floor:**
- [H.R.2029](#) – FY2016 Military Construction/VA Appropriations Act

**House Floor:**
The House is in recess until Monday, November 16.

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**Bills to Watch**

**APPROPRIATIONS**

[H.R.719](#) **Sponsor:** Rep. John Katko (R-NY)
- Continuing Appropriations Act, 2016 (9/30/15 Signed by President)
  - This measure is the vehicle for FY2016 continuing appropriations (through December 11, 2015).

[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.3020](#) **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 (7/16/15 Passed by Senate; 4/16/2015 Passed HELP Committee)

Student Success Act (7/8/15 Passed by House of Representatives; 2/27/2015 Debated and amended on the House Floor; 2/11/15 Passed by Education and the Workforce Committee)

HIGHER EDUCATION ACT (HEA)
H.R. 3594 Sponsor: Rep. Mike Bishop (R-MI)
Higher Education Extension Act of 2015 (9/28/2015 Passed by House)

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

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