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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, NOVEMBER 10, 2014
WPLLC Election Results Webinar
Subject: The Alliance for Excellent Education (AEE) and Washington Partners, LLC will host a webinar, “2014 Election Results: The Impact on Federal Education Policy,” to discuss how the election results will affect the structure of the House and Senate education committees and education legislation.
Participants: Bob Wise, president, AEE; Phillip Lovell, vice president of policy and advocacy for comprehensive high school reform, AEE; Ellin Nolan, president, Washington Partners, LLC (WPLLC); and Della Cronin, principal, WPLLC.
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Contact: Register at: http://all4ed.org/webinar-event/nov-10-2014/.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2014
None.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2014
Implications of Midterm Elections
Subject: Education Week and Gallup will host an event, “What the 2014 Election Results Mean for K-12 Policy.”
Participants: Brandon Busteed, executive director, Gallup Education; Christopher B. Swanson, vice president for research & development, *Education Week*; Frank M. Newport, editor in chief, *The Gallup Poll*; David Cleary, chief of staff, office of Congressman Lamar Alexander (R-TN), republican staff director, Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions; Jamie Fasteau, director of education policy, democratic staff, House Education and the Workforce Committee; Carmel Martin, executive vice president of policy, Center for American Progress; Roberto J. Rodriguez, deputy assistant to the President for education; and Congressman George Miller (D-CA).

**Time and Location:** 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.; 901 F Street, NW, Washington, DC.


**Higher Education Reauthorization**

**Subject:** The New America Foundation will collaborate with the University of Pennsylvania to host an event, “Will Reauthorization Save the Higher Education Act?”


**Time and Location:** 12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.; 1899 L Street, NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** Register at: [https://www.eventfarm.com/event/7ff5387-0000-4545-a7ca-69126d9414ab](https://www.eventfarm.com/event/7ff5387-0000-4545-a7ca-69126d9414ab).

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2014**

**CISE Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Subject:** The National Science Foundation’s (NSF) Computer & Information Science & Engineering (CISE) Advisory Committee to hold a meeting from November 13-14.

**Time and Location:** 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1235, Arlington, VA.


**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2014**

**Impact of Elections**

**Subject:** The Center for American Progress (CAP) will host an event, “What is the True Impact of the 2014 Midterm Elections and Where Do We Go from Here?”

**Participants:** Penda Hair, co-founder, co-director, Advancement Project; Evan Wolfson, founder, president, Freedom to Marry; Robert Raben, founder, president, The Raben Group; Michele Jawando, vice president, Center for American Progress Action Fund; Ruy Teixeira, senior fellow, Center for American Progress Action Fund; Rashad Robinson, executive director, ColorOfChange; Cristóbal Alex, president, Latino Victory Project; Clarissa Martinez-De-Castro, deputy vice president, Office of Research, Advocacy and Legislation, National Council of La Raza; Eric Salcedo, national field director, APIA Vote; and Vanessa Cárdenas, vice president, Progress 2050 Action, Center for American Progress Action Fund.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.; 1333 H Street, NW, 10th Floor, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** RSVP to: [https://www.americanprogressaction.org/events/2014/11/06/100643/what-is-the-true-impact-of-the-2014-midterm-elections-and-where-do-we-go-from-here/?evlc=rsvp&elq=~~eloqua..type--emailfield..syntax--recipientId~~&elqCampaignId=~~eloqua..type--campaign..campaignid--0..fieldname--id~~](https://www.americanprogressaction.org/events/2014/11/06/100643/what-is-the-true-impact-of-the-2014-midterm-elections-and-where-do-we-go-from-here/?evlc=rsvp&elq=~~eloqua..type--emailfield..syntax--recipientId~~&elqCampaignId=~~eloqua..type--campaign..campaignid--0..fieldname--id~~).
On The Floor This Week

**Senate Floor:**
Awaiting Senate confirmation of Loretta Lynch to be the next U.S. Attorney General

**House Floor:**
- **H.R. 1233** – Presidential and Federal Records Act Amendments of 2014
- **H.R. 3326** – Trinity County Land Exchange Act of 2013
- **H.R. 4194** – Government Reports Elimination Act
- **H.R. 4846** - Arapaho National Forest Boundary Adjustment Act of 2014
- **H.R. 4867** – Economic Development Through Tribal Land Exchange Act
- **H.R. 5167** – To direct the Administrator of General Services, on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior, to convey certain Federal property located in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska to the Olgoonik Corporation, an Alaska Native Corporation established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act
- **H.R. 5448** – John F. Kennedy Center Reauthorization Act of 2014

Bills to Watch

**ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT (ESEA)**
- **S. 1094**
  *Sponsor: Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA)*
  Strengthening American Schools Act of 2013 to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (6/12/13 passed by Senate HELP Committee)

- **H.R. 5**
  *Sponsor: Rep. John Kline (R-MN)*
  Student Success Act to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (6/19/13 passed by House Ed and Workforce Committee)

**STRENGTHENING EDUCATION THROUGH RESEARCH ACT**
- **H.R. 4366**
  *Sponsor: Rep. Todd Rokita (R-IN)*
  Strengthening Education through Research Act (09/17/14 passed by Senate HELP Committee; 05/08/14 passed by House Education and the Workforce Committee)

**SIMPLIFYING THE APPLICATION FOR STUDENT AID ACT**
- **H.R. 4982**
  *Sponsor: Rep. Larry Bucshon (R-IN)*
  Simplifying the Application for Student Aid Act (06/26/14 referred to House Committee on Education and the Workforce)

**STRENGTHENING TRANSPARENCY IN HIGHER EDUCATION ACT**
- **H.R. 4983**
  *Sponsor: Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC)*
  Strengthening Transparency in Higher Education Act (06/26/14 referred to House Committee on Education and the Workforce)
EMPOWERING STUDENTS THROUGH ENHANCED FINANCIAL COUNSELING ACT
H.R. 4984  Sponsor: Rep. Brett Guthrie (R-KY)
Empowering Students Through Enhanced Financial Counseling Act (06/26/14 referred to House Committee on Education and the Workforce)

HIGHER EDUCATION AFFORDABILITY ACT
Draft  Sponsor: Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA)
Higher Education Affordability Act (discussion draft of the bill, comments due to HELP Committee by 08/29/14)

AMERICA COMPETES REAUTHORIZATION ACT
S. 2757  Sponsor: Sen. John Rockefeller (D-WV)
America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science Reauthorization Act of 2014 (07/31/14 referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation)

H.R. 4186  Sponsor: Rep. Larry Bucshon (R-IN)
Frontiers in Innovation, Research, Science and Technology Act of 2014 (03/10/14 reported out of committee by voice vote)

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

U.S. House of Representatives 2013 Schedule:
http://majorityleader.gov/calendar/113thCongressFirstSession.pdf

U.S. Senate 2013 Schedule:
http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/legislative/one_item_and_teasers/2013_schedule.htm


U.S. Senate Budget Committee: http://www.budget.senate.gov

U.S. House Budget Committee: http://www.house.gov/budget

Congressional Budget Office: http://www.cbo.gov

Federal legislative information: http://thomas.loc.gov

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