Weekly Calendar

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2013**

**Federal Research (E&S, H, D)**

**Subject:** The Aspen Institute will host an event titled, “The Evolving Role of Federal Policy in Education R&D and Dissemination” to discuss the current and potential role of federal investment in education research.

**Participants:** Joaquin Tamayo, Assistant Director, Aspen Education & Society Program; Michael Petrilli, Executive Vice President, Thomas B. Fordham Institute; Robert Slavin, Director, Center for Research and Reform in Education, John Hopkins University; Christopher Cross, Project Director, Aspen Senior Congressional Staff Network; Amanda Beaumont, Senior Education Counsel, Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee; James Bergeron, Majority Deputy Director, Education and Human Resources Policy, House Committee on Education and the Workforce; Jack Buckley, Commissioner, National Center for Education Statistics; Glen Harvey, CEO WestEd; and Russ Whitehurst, Senior Fellow and Director, Brown Center on Education Policy, The Brookings Institution.

**Time and Location:** 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; Hart Senate Office Building (SOB), 9th Floor Reception Room.

**Contact:** RSVP at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Oit3CpTvElHnJaTQ63KmjjluwwvQtvSY55vfZimU8kY/viewform.

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**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2013**

**Computer Science in Maryland (E&S, H)**

**Subject:** Microsoft will host an event titled, “Cracking the Code: Improving Computer Science Education Outcomes in the State of Maryland” to discuss the importance of computer science classes in K-12 education.
Participants: Representative Chris Van Hollen (D-MD); State Representative of Maryland Susan Lee (D-16), Co-Chair, Maryland Commission on Cybersecurity Innovation and Excellence; Pat Mikos, Program Manager, Division of Career and College Readiness, Maryland State Department of Education; Pat Yongpradit, Director of Education, Code.org; Benjamin Bederson, Professor of Computer Science and Special Advisor to the Provost on Technology & Educational Transformation, University of Maryland; Debbie Hughes, Director of Higher Education and Workforce, Business Higher Education Forum; and Allyson Knox, Director of Education Policy and Programs, Microsoft.

Time and Location: 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.; 5404 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 700, Chevy Chase, MD.

Contact: RSVP at: https://live.iplanevents.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=reg.page&event_id=2475.

Education Advocacy (E&S, H, D)

Subject: The Brookings Institution will host an event titled, “Measuring the Influence of Education Advocacy.”

Participants: Russ Whitehurst, Senior Fellow and Director, Brown Center on Education Policy, The Brookings Institution; Stefanie Sanford, Chief of Policy, Advocacy and Government Affairs, College Board; Rob Eissler, Former Chairman, House Public Education Committee, Texas House of Representatives; Nina Rees, President and Chief Executive Officer, National Alliance for Public Charter Schools; and Matthew Carr, Senior Evaluation Research Officer, Walton Family Foundation.

Time and Location: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; The Brookings Institution, Falk Auditorium, 1775 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

Contact: Register at: https://www.cvent.com/events/measuring-the-influence-of-education-advocacy/registration-524cced3b77d4a0ca3a13b7fc0e6deac.aspx

Early Literacy (E&S)

Subject: Advocates for Literacy will host a briefing titled, “Literacy Begins at Birth” to discuss literacy and early learning.

Participants: Dr. Shannon Riley-Ayers, National Institute for Early Education Research; Adele Robinson, National Association for the Education of Young Children; and Lynn Hamilton, Principal, M.J. Kaufman Elementary School, LA and Member, National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP).

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.; 200 House Visitors Center (HVC).

Contact: RSVP to advocatesforliteracy@gmail.com.

Open Data in Education (E&S)

Subject: The Congressional E-Learning Caucus, in cooperation with Digital Learning Now!, will host an event titled, “Personalizing Education: How Open Data Can Help Improve Educational Outcomes.”

Participants: Representative Jared Polis (D-CO); Representative Kristi Noem (R-SD); Hudson Hollister, Data Transparency Coalition; Cecilia Retelle, RankU; Samantha Olivieri, GreatSchools.org; Jimmy Sarakatsannis, McKinsey Global Institute; and John Bailey, Digital Learning Now!.

Time and Location: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.; 2456 Rayburn HOB.

Contact: RSVP to kush.CO02intern@mail.house.gov.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2013

Children’s Health and Education (E&S)

Subject: First Focus and the Foundation for Child Development (FCD), in cooperation with the Congressional Children’s Caucus, will host a panel discussion titled, “Measuring the Well-Being of Our Children.”

Participants: Representative Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX); Donald J. Hernandez, Senior Advisor, Foundation for Child Development and Professor, Department of Sociology, Hunter College and the Graduate Center City University of New York; Kenneth C. Land, John Franklin Crowell Professor of Sociology and Faculty Director, Center for Population, Health, and Aging, Duke University; Liz Ryan, President and Chief Executive Officer, Campaign for Youth Justice; Dave Schrandt, Homeless Liaison, Cypress-Fairbanks School District, TX; and Bruce Lesley, President, First Focus.

Time and Location: 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.; B-338 Rayburn HOB.

Hispanic Education (E&S, H)
Subject: The President’s Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanics will host a public meeting.
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Auditorium, 1700 G Street, NW, Washington, DC.
Contact: RSVP to WHIEEH@ed.gov.

Instructional Approaches to the Common Core (E&S)
Subject: The Albert Shanker Institute will host an event titled, “The World Gap and the Common Core” to discuss the instructional approaches to the Common Core.
Participants: Joan Almon, Founding Director, U.S. Alliance for Childhood; Helen Blank, Director of Childcare and Early Learning, National Women’s Law Center; Barbara Bowman, Cofounder and Interim President of External Affairs, Erikson Institute and Former Chief Early Childhood Education Officer for Chicago Public Schools; Susan Neuman, Professor of Early Childhood and Literacy Education, Steinhardt School of Culture, Education and Human Development and Former U.S. Assistant Secretary of Elementary and Secondary Education, U.S. Department of Education; and Deborah Phillips, Professor, Department of Psychology, Georgetown University.
Time and Location: 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.; The Albert Shanker Institute, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register at: http://www.shankerinstitute.org/december2013/.

School Safety (E&S)
Subject: The National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) will host a panel discussion titled, “Rethinking School Safety: Schools and Communities Working Together” to discuss how schools can create conditions for learning that emphasize student support and well-being.
Participants: Representative David Loebsack (D-IA); Cathy Kennedy-Paine, School Psychologist and Chair of NASP National Emergency Assistance Team (NEAT); Christina Connolly-Wilson, Director of Crisis Intervention and Safety, Waukegan Public Schools, IL; Mo Canady, Executive Director, National Association of School Resource Officers; Thomas Demaria, PhD, Director of Psychological Services Center at Long Island University; David Osher, Vice President and Co-Director, Human and Social Development Program, AIR Institute Fellow; and Nelba Marquez-Greene, LMFT, Mental Health and Relational Wellness Director for Sandy Hook Promise and Founder, Ana Grace Project.
Time and Location: 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.; 2168 Rayburn HOB (Gold Room).
Contact: RSVP to Allison Bollinger Miller at amiller@naspweb.org.

Social-Emotional Learning (E&S)
Subject: The Center on Great Teachers and the Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL) and other partners will host a webinar titled, “Integrating Social-Emotional Learning into State and District Policies.”
Participants: Roger Weissberg, Ph.D., CASEL; Pamela Randall, Ph.D., CASEL; Nick Yoder, Ph.D., Center for Great Teachers and Leaders; Ruth Cross, CASEL and Du Page Regional Office of Education Partnership; and Sue Kidd, Kansas Department of Education.
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2013
Higher Education Accreditation Hearing (H)
Subject: The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions will hold a hearing titled, “Accreditation as Quality Assurance: Meeting the Needs of 21st Century Learning.”
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 430 Dirksen SOB.
Contact: For inquiries about the hearing contact 202.224.5375.
Federal Communications Commission Hearing (E&S)
Subject: The House Energy and Commerce Committee will host a hearing titled, “Oversight of the Federal Communication Commission.”
Witnesses: Tom Wheeler, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission (FCC); Mignon Clyburn, Commissioner, FCC; Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner, FCC; Ajit Pai, Commissioner, FCC; and Michael O’Rielly, Commissioner, FCC.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 2123 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: For inquiries about the hearing contact 202.225.2927.

STEM Salon (E&S, H)
Subject: Change the Equation will host a December STEM Salon titled, “Ending the Gender Gap in Computer Science” to discuss the lack of women in STEM fields.
Participants: Kimberly Bryant, Founder, Black Girls Code; Allyson Knox, Director of Education Policy and Programs, Microsoft; Alison Derbenwick Miller, Vice President, Oracle Academy at Oracle; and Linda Rosen, CEO, Change the Equation.
Time and Location: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; Change the Equation, 1101 K Street, NW, Suite 610A, Washington, DC.

Future Hearings and Events

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2013
Research in Implementing the Common Core (E&S)
Subject: The American Youth Policy Forum (AYPF) will host an event titled, “The Use of Research in the Common Core State Standards”
Participants: Dr. Lorraine McDonnel, Professor, University of California, Santa Barbara; Dr. Sandra Alberti, Director of State and District Partnerships and Professional Development, Student Achievement Partners; and Nancy Gannon, Executive Director of the Office of Academic Quality, New York City Department of Education.
Time: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Contact: Register at: https://secure.aypf.org/np/clients/aypf/eventRegistration.jsp;jsessionid=AA7544AEE4561AFBB32923037BF8D770?event=1051.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2013
Investing in Youth (E&S)
Subject: First Focus and MomsRising.org will host an event titled, “How the Public Views Investments in Children” to discuss the findings from an American viewpoint poll.
Time and Location: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; G11 Dirksen SOB.
Contact: RSVP at: https://donate.firstfocus.net/page/signup/How-the-Public-Views-Investments-in-Children.

On The Floor This Week

Senate
S.1197 - National Defense Authorization Act
House
Possible Consideration of Legislation Related to **H.R. 2642** – Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013

Possible Consideration of Legislation Related to **H.Con.Res. 25** – Establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023

Possible Consideration of Legislation Related to the Sustainable Growth Rate in Medicare

**Bills to Watch**

**FY2014 APPROPRIATIONS**

**H.R. 2775**
Continuing Appropriations Act, 2014 (signed by President 10/17/13; passed by House of Representatives and Senate 10/16/13).

**H.J.Res. 59**
Sponsor: Rep. Hal Rogers (R-KY)
Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2014 (9/28/13 passed by the House of Representatives; 9/27/13 passed by the Senate; 9/20/13 passed by House of Representatives)

**S.1329**
Sponsor: Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD)
Departments of Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Act, 2014 (7/18/13 passed by Senate Appropriations Committee, 7/16/13 passed by Senate CJS Appropriations Subcommittee)

**S.1284**
Sponsor: Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA)
Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2014 (7/11/13 passed by Senate Appropriations Committee; 7/9/13 passed by Senate LHHS Appropriations Subcommittee)

**H.R. 2787**
Sponsor: Rep. Frank Wolf (R-VA)
Departments of Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2014 (7/8/13 passed by House CJS Appropriations Subcommittee; 7/17/13 passed by House Appropriations Committee)

**S.Con.Res.8**
Sponsor: Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA)
Setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 (3/23/13 passed by Senate; 3/14/13 passed by Senate Budget Committee)

**H.Con.Res.25**
Sponsor: Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI)
Establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 (3/21/13 passed by House; 3/13/13 passed by House Budget Committee)

**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)

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WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA)
H.R. 803  Sponsor: Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC)
Supporting Knowledge and Investing in Lifelong Skills Act (3/15/13 passed by House; 3/6/13 passed by House Education and the Workforce Committee)

S. 1356  Sponsor: Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA)
Workforce Investment Reauthorization Act (7/31/13 passed by Senate HELP Committee)

CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CCDBG)
S. 1086  Sponsor: Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD)
Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2013 (9/18/13 passed by Senate HELP Committee)

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

U.S. House of Representatives 2013 Schedule:

U.S. House of Representatives 2014 Schedule:
http://majorityleader.gov/Calendar/113thCongressSecondSession.pdf

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

U.S. Senate 2014 Schedule:


U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce: http://edworkforce.house.gov

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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