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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, MARCH 12, 2012

None.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2012

Teacher Effectiveness (E&S, H)

Subject: Schoolnet will hold a webinar on "Teacher Effectiveness: How is Quality Measured?"
Participants: Jonah Rockoff, Professor of Business, Columbia Business School, NY; Connie Casson, Executive Director, Accountability, Research & Evaluation Department, Denver Public Schools, CO; Claudia Guerere, Research Specialist, Pinellas County Schools, FL; and Octavio Salcedo, Director of Testing, Pinellas County Schools, FL.
Time and Location: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Contact: RSVP to Barbara Hockstader at 646.496.9009**.**

High School Interventions (E&S, D)

Subject: The National High School Center, the National Center on Response to Intervention and the National Center on Intensive Intervention will hold a webinar to launch an online community of practice for school and district practitioners implementing tiered interventions in high schools.
Time and Location: 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Contact: Register at www.betterhighschools.org.

Common Core Standards (E&S)
Subject: Young Education Professionals-DC (YEP-DC) will hold a discussion on "Common Core: Understanding the Common Core in Policy and Practice."
Participants: Marty Creel, Director, Enriched and Innovative Programs, Montgomery County Public Schools, MD; Chris Minnich, Senior Membership Director, The Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO); Laura Slover, Senior Vice President, Achieve & DC Board of Education President; and Azalia Speight, Principal, Luke C. Moore High School, Washington, DC (Alternative High School).
Time and Location: 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.; AIR, 1990 K Street, NW, First Floor, Washington, DC.
Contact: RSVP at **http://bit.ly/yepdcCommonCore**.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2012
Teaching Profession (E&S, H)
Subject: The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) will host a series of events as part of the second International Summit on the Teaching Profession. The first will be a webinar on *Preparing Teachers and Developing School Leaders for the 21st Century, Lessons from Around the World*, an OECD Background Paper.
Participants: Andreas Schleicher, Deputy Director for Education and Special Advisor on Education Policy to the Secretary General, OECD.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Contact: Register at **https://oecdwash.webex.com/oecdwash/onstage/g.php?p=0&t=m**.

Labor FY2013 Budget (E&S, H)
Subject: The Senate Labor, HHS, Education and Related Agencies Subcommittee will hold hearing on the FY2013 budget for the Labor Department.
Witness: Hilda Solis, Secretary of Labor.
Time and Location: 10:30 a.m.; 138 Dirksen SOB.
Contact: 202.224.7363, **http://appropriations.senate.gov**.

STEM Education (H)
Subject: The American Chemical Society, the Congress Project, Research Corporation for Science Advancement and Honorary Co-Host, the Senate Science & Technology Caucus, will hold an event to highlight the importance of bolstering the US workforce with STEM graduates. The panel will discuss federal policies needed to "ensure translation of these strategic recommendations into economic success stories instead of shelved ideas."
Participants: Madeleine Jacobs**,** Executive Director, American Chemical Society; James Gentile**,** President, Research Corporation for Science Advancement; Shirley Ann Jackson**,** President, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; Hunter Rawlings III**,** President, Association of American Universities; and Bassam Shakhashiri, 2012 President, American Chemical Society.
Time and Location: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; 325 Russell (Kennedy Caucus Room) SOB.
Contact: RSVP to **http://tinyurl.com/ACSSciCongr-RCSASTEM**.

Teaching Profession (E&S, H)
Subject: The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) will host a series of events as part of the second International Summit on the Teaching Profession including an opening and framing session.
Participants: Arne Duncan, U.S. Secretary of Education; Yves Leterme, OECD Deputy Secretary General; Fred van Leeuwen, EI General Secretary; and Andreas Schleicher, Deputy Director for Education and Special Advisor on Education Policy to the Secretary General, OECD.
Time and Location: 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Contact: Webcast available at **http://media.rampard.com/cotl/20120314/doe/**.

ESEA Reauthorization (E&S)
Subject: The Forum on Educational Accountability will hold an event titled, "School Turnarounds, School Improvement, and School Quality Reviews for the New ESEA: Focusing on What Works."

Participants: Reggie Felton (Moderator), Assistant Executive Director for Congressional Relations, National School Boards Association; Peter McWalters, Consultant and former Rhode Island Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education; Kevin Lowndes, Principal, Wheaton High School, Silver Spring, MD; and Gary M. Ratner, Chair, Forum on Educational Accountability Committee on School Improvement/Capacity-building and Executive Director, Citizens for Effective Schools.
Time and Location: 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.; 2168 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: Register at **www.edaccountability.org**.

Engineering (E&S, H)

Subject: The President's Council on Jobs and Competitiveness will hold an event to launch the "STAY WITH IT" campaign with a Day of Engineering - a "celebration designed to promote and build enthusiasm for this new community of resources available to students on their journey to an engineering degree."
Participants: Paul Otellini, President and CEO, Intel Corporation and Member of the President's Council on Jobs and Competitiveness; Charles Bolden, NASA Administrator; Gary May, Dean of Engineering, Georgia Tech; Guy Primus, Chief Operating Officer, Overbook Entertainment; Sherita Ceasar, Vice President, NETO P&I National Video Deployment Engineering at Comcast; Serkan Piantino, Engineering Manager, Facebook; Maggie Johnson, Director, Education and University Relations, Google; and Montel Williams, Talk Show Host and Naval Academy-trained engineer.
Time and Location: 3:00 p.m.
Contact: 202.456.2580 (White House); Lauren Worley, 202.358.1288, **lauren.b.worley@nasa.gov**; or Lisa Malloy, 202.626.4397, **lisa.malloy@intel.com**. Live stream will be available at: **http://www.facebook.com/Engineering**.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2012

Common Core State Standards (E&S)

Subject: Common Core will host an event titled, “Truant from School: History, Science and Art,” to answer the question, “How marginalized are history, science, art and other core subjects in the K-12 classroom?”
Participants: David Coleman, CEO, Student Achievement Partners and Lead Writer, Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts; Carol Jago, Director, California Reading And Literature Project, UCLA and former President, National Council of Teachers of English; Lewis Huffman, Education Associate for Social Studies, South Carolina Department of Education; Steve Farkas, President, FDR Group; and Lynne Munson, President and Executive Director, Common Core.
Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; Common Core, 1016 16th Street, NW, 7th Floor, Washington, DC.
Contact: To register, please send your name, title, and affiliation to: **events@commoncore.org**.

Teaching Profession (E&S, H)

Subject: The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) will host a series of events as part of the second International Summit on the Teaching Profession including a closing session on “What have we learned, and where do we go from here?”
Participants: Arne Duncan, U.S. Secretary of Education; Yves Leterme, OECD Deputy Secretary General; Fred van Leeuwen, EI General Secretary; and Fernando Reimers, Professor of International Education, Harvard University.
Time and Location: 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Contact: Webcast at: **http://media.rampard.com/cotl/20120314/doe/**.

Online Teaching (E&S)

Subject: The International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) will host a webinar on "Teaching Strategies from REAL Classrooms in a Virtual World."
Participants: Presenters will include Christina Narayan, Teacher, Branson School Online; and Leanna Christians, Principal, Branson School Online.
Time and Location: 6:00 p.m.
Contact: Register at: **http://www.inacol.org/events/webinar/index.php**.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2012

None.

Future Hearings and Events

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2012

Grad Nation Summit (E&S)

Subject: America's Promise will sponsor Building a Grad Nation Summit, March 18-21.
Time and Location: 2:00 p.m.; Marriott Wardman Park, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register at: **http://www.americaspromise.org/Summit**.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2012

STEM Education (E&S, H)

Subject: Change the Equation will host an event to highlight STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education.
Participants: Rep. Michael Honda (D-CA); Sharon Lynch, Professor, George Washington University; Chris Roe, CEO, CA STEM Learning Network; and Linda P. Rosen, CEO, Change the Equation.
Time and Location: 8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.; 1101 K Street, Suite 610A, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register at **http://changetheequation.org/march-2012-stem-salon**.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2012

CJS FY2013 Budget (E&S, H)

Subject: The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies will hold a hearing on the FY2013 budget for agencies under its jurisdiction.
Witnesses: Members of Congress and Outside Witnesses testify.
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m.; H-309 US Capitol.
Contact: 202.225.2771, **http://appropriations.house.gov**.

ED FY2013 Budget (E&S, H, D)

Subject: The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies will hold a hearing on the FY2013 budget for the Education Department.
Participant: Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 2358-C Rayburn HOB.
Contact: 202.225.2771, **http://appropriations.house.gov**.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2012

Senior Projects in High School (E&S)

Subject: The Alliance for Excellent Education will host a webinar on "The Senior Project: Developing Deeper Learning at Scale," to examine the concept of "senior projects," required for high school graduation.
Participants: Rosemary Burns, Director, Office of Multiple Pathways, Rhode Island Department of Education; Keven Kroehler, Director of Operations, EdVisions Schools; Judianne Point, Senior Project Coordinator, Barrington High School, Barrington, RI; and Robert Rothman, Senior Fellow, Alliance for Excellent Education.
Time and Location: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Contact: Register at **http://media.all4ed.org/registration-mar-23-2012**.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2012

ED FY2013 Budget (E&S)

Subject: The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education will host a hearing on the FY2013 K-12 education budget.
Time and Location: 10:30 a.m.; 2358-C Rayburn HOB.
Contact: **http://appropriations.house.gov/Calendar/EventSingle.aspx?EventID=281200**.

Global Competitiveness (E&S, H)
Subject: The Atlantic will host an event titled, "Jobs & Economy of the Future: Educating the Next Generation to Compete," to highlight the skills students today need to compete in tomorrow's workforce.
Participants: To include: Senator Lamar Alexander (R-TN); Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education; Michael Greenstone, Director, The Hamilton Project; Kaya Henderson, Chancellor, DC Public Schools; Robert Mendenhall, President, Western Governors University; and Amy Rosen, President and Chief Executive Officer, Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship.
Time and Location: 8:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; The Newseum, 555 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW; Washington, DC.
Contact: RSVP to forum@theatlantic.com or Eliza French at 202.266.7678.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2012

Technology and Education (E&S)
Subject: The National Adolescent Literacy Coalition will hold an event titled, "Technology: Powering Up through Confidence and Engagement," to discuss national and local developments around technology and offer educators new ways to support adolescent learners.
Participants: Cindy Parker, Literacy Coordinator, Kentucky Department of Education and Yvette Jackson, Ed.D, CEO, National Urban Alliance for Effective Education.
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.; Charles Sumner School Museum and Archives, 17th & M Streets, NW, Washington DC.
Contact: RSVP to http://tinyurl.com/85fgd6t.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2012

ED FY 2013 Budget (E&S)
Subject: A Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education hearing on the FY2013 Education Department budget is tentatively scheduled.
Participant: Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education.
Time and Location: 2:00 p.m.; 124 Dirksen SOB.
Contact: http://appropriations.senate.gov/ht-labor.cfm.

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Bills to Watch

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT (ESEA)

S.# — *Sponsor: Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA) and Sen. Mike Enzi (R-WY)*
ESEA Reauthorization Act (*10/20/11 passed by Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee)*

H.R. 3990 — *Sponsor: Rep. John Kline (R-MN)*
Encouraging Innovation and Effective Teachers Act (*3/2/12 passed by House Education and the Workforce Committee)*

H.R. 3989 *Sponsor: Rep. John Kline (R-MN)*
Student Success Act (*3/2/12 passed by House Education and the Workforce Committee)*

H.R. 2445 *Sponsor: Rep. John Kline (R-MN)*
State and Local Funding Flexibility Act (*7/13/11 passed by House Education and the Workforce Committee)*

H.R. 2218 *Sponsor: Rep. Duncan Hunter (R-CA)*
Empowering Parents through Quality Charter Schools Act (*9/13/11 passed by House; 6/22/11 passed by House Education and the Workforce Committee*)

H.R. 1891 *Sponsor: Rep. Duncan Hunter (R-CA)*
Setting New Priorities in Education Spending Act (*5/25/11 passed by House Education and the Workforce Committee*)

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http://majorityleader.gov/Calendar/112th2ndSessionCalendar.pdf
U.S. Senate 2012 Schedule
http://democrats.senate.gov/2011/11/01/2012-senate-schedule/
U.S. Department of Education: **http://www.ed.gov**
U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions: **http://help.senate.gov**
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**
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