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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

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MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2012

High School Graduation (E&S)
Subject: America's Promise will sponsor "Building a Grad Nation Summit," March 19-21.
Participants: Include: Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education; Jason Snyder, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy; Gen. Colin Powell, Former Secretary of State and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman; and George Lucas, Chairman, George Lucas Educational Foundation.
Time and Location: 7:45 a.m.; Marriott Wardman Park, 2660 Woodley Road, NW, 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.

Higher Education (H)
Subject: The Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts will hold a hearing on "The Looming Student Debt Crisis: Providing Fairness for Struggling Students."
Witnesses: Jack Conway, Attorney General, Kentucky; Lisa Madigan, Attorney General, Illinois; G. Marcus Cole, Professor of Law, Stanford University; and Danielle Jokela, Chicago, IL; Deanne Loonin, National Consumer Law Center, Boston, MA; and Neal McCluskey, Associate Director, Cato Institute's Center for Educational Freedom.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 226 Dirksen SOB.
Contact: 202.224.7703, **http://judiciary.senate.gov**.

School Improvement (E&S, D)
Subject: The Center for American Progress will host an event titled, "How Does the Federal Government Help Schools Improve?" to release a new publication that "sheds light on the topic, examining state turnaround efforts prompted by the federal School Improvement Grants program."
Participants: Rep. George Miller (D-CA), Ranking Member, Education & Workforce Committee; Cami Anderson, Superintendent, Newark Public Schools; Rayne Martin, Executive Director, Stand for Children-Louisiana; Amy Wilkins, Vice President for Government Affairs and Communications, The Education Trust; and Paul Pastorek, Chief Administrative Officer, Counsel, and Corporate Secretary, EADS North America, and Emeritus Member, Chiefs for Change.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; Center for American Progress, 1333 H Street, NW, 10th Floor, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register at **http://www.americanprogressaction.org/events**.

House FY2013 Budget Resolution (E&S, H, D)
Subject: The House Budget Committee will hold a news conference as an "Introduction of the FY2013 Budget - Pathway to Prosperity."
Participants: Representative Paul Ryan (R-WI), Chairman, House Budget Committee; and Members of the House Budget Committee.
Time and Location: 10:30 a.m.; HVC 117, Capitol Visitors Center.
Contact: Conor Sweeney, Gerrit Lansing, 202.226.6100.

STEM Workforce (H)
Subject: The Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR) will hold a news conference to share the findings of a report, "Increasing Opportunities for Low-Income Women and Student Parents in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) at Community Colleges."
Participants: Cynthia Costello, Director, Costello Consulting; Roberto Rodriguez, Special Assistant to President Obama for Education Policy; Pamela Brown, Program Director, Division of Undergraduate Education at the National Science Foundation; Karen Wosczyna-Birch, Executive Director, Regional Center for Next Generation Manufacturing (RCNGM), Connecticut Community Colleges; and Barbara Gault, Vice President and Executive Director, IWPR.
Time and Location: 12:00 p.m.; Service Employees International Union Conference Center, 1800 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC.
Contact: RSVP at:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dGFTS1VjbGJacmM2ZjRDbS1laEhRMnc6MQ.

Online Learning (E&S, D)
Subject: *Education Week* will host a webinar on "The District Goes Digital: Leveraging Online Learning for Broader Student Achievement," to highlight Falcon Virtual Academy.
Participants: Kim McClelland**,** Assistant Superintendent, Falcon School District 49, Colorado Springs, CO; and Dave Knoche, Principal, Falcon Virtual Academy, Falcon School District 49, Colorado Springs, CO.
Time and Location: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Contact: Register at:
https://event.on24.com/eventRegistration/EventLobbyServlet?target=registration.jsp&eventid=407690&sessionid=1&key=1D985EB85F31CC869EE90AB976E38220&partnerref=eblast&sourcepage=register.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2012

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

Subject: The House Education and the Workforce Committee will hold a hearing on "Reviewing the President's FY2013 Budget Proposal for the U.S. Department of Labor."
Witness: Hilda Solis, Secretary of Labor.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 2175 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: 202.225.4527, http://edworkforce.house.gov.

Federal Education Policy (E&S, D)

Subject: The Alliance for Excellent Education will host a webinar on "Federal Education Policy: A Spring Update."
Time and Location: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Contact: Register at http://media.all4ed.org/registration-mar-21-2012.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2012

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.
Witness: Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 2358-C Rayburn HOB.
Contact: 202.225.2771, http://appropriations.house.gov.

Bullying Prevention (E&S)

Subject: The National Women's Law Center will host a webinar on how schools can and should respond to bullying and harassment.
Participants: Janelle Spritz, Passage Middle School; and Ali Thompson, Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities.
Time and Location: 3:30 p.m.
Contact: Register at https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/229522402.

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.

Future Hearings and Events

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2012

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 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.

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.
Witnesses: Ron Seaver, Superintendent, Central Union School District, Lemoore, CA; and Gwile Freeman, Catahoula Parish Superintendent, Harrisonburg, LA.
Time and Location: 9:30 a.m.; 2358-C Rayburn HOB.
Contact: **http://appropriations.house.gov/Calendar/EventSingle.aspx?EventID=281200**.

Common Core Standards (E&S, D)

Subject: Education Sector will host an event on "Getting to 2014: The Choices and Challenges Ahead," to discuss the implementation of new Common Core standards, new assessments, new accountability systems, new teacher evaluations, new data systems, and for some states, implementing Race to the Top.
Participants: Michael Cohen, Achieve; Tom Luna, Idaho Superintendent of Public Instruction; Allan R. Odden, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Robin Steans, Advance Illinois; and Joel Vargas, Jobs For The Future.
Time and Location: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.; National Press Club, 529 14th Street, First Amendment Lounge, Washington, DC.
Contact: RSVP at **www.educationsector.org**.

International Benchmarks (E&S)

Subject: The George Washington University Graduate School of Education and Human Development (GSEHD) will host an event focused on how the United States can learn from the world's most successful education systems.
Participants: Marc Tucker, President and CEO, National Center on Education and the Economy; Michael J. Feuer, Dean, GSEHD; Dr. Colin Green, Chair, Department of Curriculum and Pedagogy, GSEHD; and Dr. Laura Engel, Assistant Professor of International Education and International Affairs, GSEHD.
Time and Location: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.; George Washington University, Funger Hall, Room 103, 2201 G Street, NW, Washington, DC.
Contact: RSVP to **www.gsehdtucker.eventbrite.com**.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2012

Common Core Standards (E&S, D)

Subject: The College Board Advocacy & Policy Center and the National Association of Secondary School Principals will host the fourth in a series of webinars to emphasize the important role of principals and school leaders as the Common Core State Standards are implemented.
Time and Location: 4:00 p.m.
Contact: Register at **http://advocacy.collegeboard.org/preparation-access/teacher-advocacy/events/webinar-series-school-leadership-common-core-standards-an?excmpid=OC58-PR-0112-FW**.

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.
Witness 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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On The Floor This Week

Senate
S 1925 - Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2011

HR 3606 - Reopening American Capital Markets to Emerging Growth Companies Act of 2011

House
H.R. 2087 - To remove restrictions from a parcel of land situated in the Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia

H.R. 5 - Protecting Access to Healthcare (PATH) Act

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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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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**
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