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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2011

Literacy (E&S, H)

Subject: The Funders Network will host the inaugural gathering of the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading sponsored by the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Participants: Jim Shelton, Assistant Deputy Secretary, Office of Innovation and Improvement, U.S. Department of Education; and Jacqueline Jones, Senior Advisor for Early Learning, U.S. Department of Education.

Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; National Press Club, 529 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC.

Contact: 202.401.1576 or go to www.ed.gov.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2011

Literacy (E&S, H)

Subject: The Funders Network will host the inaugural gathering of the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading sponsored by the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Participants: Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education;

Time and Location: 8:30 a.m.; Sofitel Hotel, 806 15th Street, NW, Washington, DC.

Contact: 202.401.1576 or go to www.ed.gov.

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School Reform (E&S)

Subject: The New America Foundation (NAF) and the Hechinger Institute on Education and the Media will hold a discussion to examine school reform and the state of the economy.

Participants: Lisa Guernsey, Director, Early Education Initiative, NAF; Richard Colvin, Director, Hechinger Institute on Education and the Media; Deborah Spitz, U.S. Department of Education; Ralph Smith, Annie E. Casey Foundation; Bob Slavin, Success for All; and Linda Espinosa, Professor Emeritus, University of Missouri, Columbia.

Time and Location: 9:00 a.m.; New America Foundation, 1899 L Street NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC.

Contact: Kate Brown, 202.596.3365, brown@newamerica.net;

President's FY 2012 Budget Proposal (E&S, H, D)

Subject: The Senate Budget Committee will hold a full Committee hearing on the President's proposed FY 2012 education budget.

Participant: Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education.

Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 608 Dirksen SOB.

Contact: 202.224.0624; <http://budget.senate.gov>.

Education Regulations (E&S, H, D)

Subject: The House Education and the Workforce Committee will hold a full Committee hearing on "Education Regulations: Weighing the Burdens on Schools and Students."

Participants: Gene Wilhoit, Executive Director, Council of Chief State School Officers; Edgar Hatrick, Superintendent, Loudoun County Public Schools, Ashburn, VA; Christopher Nelson, President, St. John's College, Annapolis, MD; Kati Haycock, President, The Education Trust, Washington, DC.

Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 2175 Rayburn HOB.

Contact: 202.225.4527 or <http://edworkforce.house.gov>.

Computer Science Education (E&S)

Subject: The Computing in the Core Coalition will host a Congressional briefing titled, "Winning the Future: K-12 Computer Science Education is Crucial to Innovation," to provide several perspectives on the impact of high-quality K-12 computer science education and the importance of including computer science in the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Participants: Dr. Robert Schnabel, Dean, School of Informatics, Indiana University and Chair, Education Policy Committee, Association for Computing Machinery; Baker Franke, High School Computer Science Teacher, University of Chicago Laboratory Schools; Aimee Lucido, Computer Science student, Brown University; Otis Hackney, Principal, South Philadelphia High School; and Maggie Johnson, Director of Education and University Relations, Google.

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m.; 430 Dirksen SOB.

Contact: RSVP to Stephanie Lovell at slovell@wpllc.net.

Data Systems (E&S, H)

Subject: The American Youth Policy Forum will host a Webinar titled, "Using Data to Align Resources to Create a Comprehensive Learning System," to focus on outcome management systems that support city and district efforts to build a system of comprehensive services to ensure all students are on track to graduate.

Participants: Ben Aiken (Moderator), Program Associate, American Youth Policy Forum; Daphne Griffin, Chief, Human Services and Executive Director, Boston Centers for Youth & Families; Mary Kate Poling, Senior Vice President, Community Impact, Metro United Way, Jefferson County, KY; and Jennifer Sloan McCombs, Senior Policy Researcher, RAND Corporation.

Time and Location: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Contact: Register at: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/933051152>.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2011

ESEA Reauthorization (E&S)

Subject: Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education; Sen. Joseph Lieberman (D-CT); Sen. Kay Hagan (D-NC); Sen. Michael Bennet (D-CO); Sen. Thomas Carper (D-DE); Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV); Sen. Chris Coons (D-DE); will hold a news conference to discuss the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

Time and Location: 9:00 a.m.; Walker-Jones Education Campus, 1125 New Jersey Avenue NW, Washington, DC.

Contact: 202.401.1576, press@ed.gov.

STEM Education (E&S, H)

Subject: The Program on America and the Global Economy will host the second event of a two part series featuring a panel of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellows.

Participants: Brenda Gardunia, High School Math Teacher; Arundhati Jayarao, Middle and High School Chemistry and Physics Teacher; John Moore, High School Teacher; Staci Richard, Middle and High School Biology Teacher; Geraldine Robbins, Middle and High School Math Teacher; Sue Whitsett, High School Biology Teacher; and Kent Hughes, Director, Program on America and the Global Economy.

Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; Woodrow Wilson Center--5th Floor Conference Room.

Contact: RSVP to: page@wilsoncenter.org or 202.691.4204. A live Webcast will be available at [#STEMed](http://www.wilsoncenter.org).

Education Policy Connections (E&S, H)

Subject: The New America Foundation (NAF) will hold a forum on education policy connections.

Participants: Lisa Guernsey, Director, NAF's Early Education Initiative; and Adele Robinson, Deputy Executive Director, National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Time and Location: 9:00 a.m.; New America Foundation, 1899 L Street NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC.

Contact: Kate Brown, 202.596.3365, brown@newamerica.net.

Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (D)

Subject: The Senate Health, Labor, Education and Pensions Committee will hold a full committee hearing on "Improving Employment Opportunities for People with Intellectual Disabilities."

Witnesses: Lynnae Ruttledge, Commissioner, Rehabilitative Services Administration, Department of Education; Sharon Lewis, Commissioner, Health and Human Services Administration on Developmental Disabilities; Joan Evans, Director, Wyoming Department of Workforce Services; Randy Lewis, Senior Vice President, Walgreens Co.; David Egan, Distribution Clerk, Booz Allen Hamilton; and William Kiernan, Institute for Community Inclusion, University of Massachusetts, Boston.

Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 430 Dirksen SOB.

Contact: <http://help.senate.gov>.

Education Reform (E&S)

Subject: The Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund will co-sponsor a teleconference on "Waiting for Superfund: How Donors Can Leverage K-12 Education Reform" to explore the role of funders in addressing America's education crisis in the context of key recent events from the fall elections to states' recent efforts to develop reforms worth billions in federal funding.

Participants: Jim Shelton, Assistant Deputy Secretary for Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education; Rick Hess, Resident Scholar and Director of Education Policy Studies, American Enterprise Institute; Marina Ballantyne Walne, Vice President for Education, Laura and John Arnold Foundation; Mieka Witt, Executive Director, CityBridge Foundation.

Time and Location: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Contact: RSVP to: teleconferences@arabellaadvisors.com. Dial in at 877.278.9485 and enter Conference ID 39063387.

Rural Education (E&S)

Subject: The Regional Education Laboratory Program will host a Webinar on "The Big Picture: Why is it Important to Address Rural ELL Populations" to discuss specific research and recommendations around screening for and monitoring reading progress.

Participants: Dr. Russell Gersten, Executive Director, Instructional Research Group.

Time and Location: 3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Contact: Register at: <http://tinyurl.com/47fqtf4>.

Technology Education (E&S)

Subject: The Woodrow Wilson Center (WWC) will hold a book discussion on *The New Cool: A Visionary Teacher, His First Robotics Team, and the Ultimate Battle of Smarts*.

Participants: Neal Bascomb, Author; Mark Hannum, Teacher, Thomas Jefferson School for Science and Technology, VA; and Kent Hughes, Director, Program on America and the Global Economy.

Time and Location: 4:00 p.m.; WWC, One Woodrow Wilson Plaza, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC.

Contact: 202.691.4000; <http://www.wilsoncenter.org>.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2011

FY 2012 Energy Research/Development Budget (H)

Subject: The House Science, Space, and Technology Committee will hold a full committee hearing on the "Department of Energy FY 2012 Research and Development Budget Request."

Witness: Steven Chu, Energy Secretary.

Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 2318 Rayburn HOB.

Contact: (202)225.6371.

Public Policy and Children (E&S)

Subject: A Bolder Broader Approach to Education hosts the release of a new book that proposes policies such as support for healthier births and infancy, enriching preschools, ensuring transitions to stronger elementary schools, building strong relationships with adults and providing viable paths to careers and college. The author will discuss these ideas and the policy implications involved.

Participants: David Kirp, Professor, Public Policy, University of California, Berkeley.

Time and Location: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; Economic Policy Institute, 1333 H Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC.

Contact: RSVP to: eweiss@epi.org.

STEM Education (H)

Subject: San Francisco State University will host a lunch briefing on "Increasing Diversity in STEM Education and Partnerships" to discuss how to broaden the reach of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education to address the achievement gap among women and minorities in STEM professions.

Participants: Robert Corrigan, President, San Francisco State University; Sue Rosser, Provost, San Francisco State University; Eric Hsu, Mathematics Professor, San Francisco State University; and Carmen Domingo, Biology Professor, San Francisco State University.

Time and Location: 12:00 p.m.; Capitol Visitor's Center, HVC-201.

Contact: RSVP to: Natalia Bremer at nbremer@sfsu.edu.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2011

None.

Future Hearings and Events

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011

Next Generation Learning (E&S, H)

Subject: The National Association of State Boards of Education will hold an event titled, "Next Generation Learning: Transforming the Role of Educators Today for the Students of Tomorrow," to release its group study report. This event will provide examples of learning teams that promote collaboration, reflective practices and the integration of technology.

Participants: Gayle Manchin, Study Group Chair, West Virginia Board of Education Member; Dorie Combs, Study Group Member, Kentucky Board of Education Member; and Kathleen Fulton, Director, Reinventing Schools for the 21st Century, National Commission, Teaching and America's Future.

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; U.S. Capitol, Room S-115.

Contact: RSVP to: chriss@nasbe.org.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2011

Children as a Top Priority (E&S)

Subject: *Education Week* will host a Webinar titled, "New Resources for Improving Achievement in Title I Schools." The Webinar will introduce proven programs for elementary and secondary Title I schools. The Webinar will describe i3 and evidence-based reform, and will present some of the funded projects.

Participants: Kathleen Kennedy Manzo (Moderator), Director, Education Policy and Outreach, The Hatcher Group (Moderator); Jerome D'Agostino, Project Director, Reading Recovery; Emily Rodgers, Co-Director, Reading Recovery; Douglas Maclver, Co-Director, Talent Development-Diplomas Now; and Robert Slavin, Co-Founder, Success for All Foundation.

Time and Location: 1:00 p.m.

Contact: Register at: <http://bit.ly/gDliHJ>.

Rural Education (E&S)

Subject: The Regional Education Laboratory Program will host a Webinar titled, "From Research to the Classroom: Recommendations of the Practice Guide Applied to a Rural Context: Discussion and Examples from the Field" to discuss research and recommendations around implementing research in the field, specifically on small group reading and peer-assisted learning opportunities

Participants: Dr. Russell Gersten, Executive Director, Instructional Research Group.

Time and Location: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Contact: Register at: <http://tinyurl.com/4qoh2sv>.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2011

Data Systems (E&S)

Subject: Early Childhood Data Collaborative will host an event and Webinar to discuss the findings and policy implications of their state analysis of coordinated early care and education data systems.

Participants: Shannon Christian, Illinois Office of Governor Quinn; Jessie Cannon; Ohio Business Roundtable; Joan Lombardi, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Mary Cassell, Office of Management and Budget.

Time and Location: 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.; The Pew Charitable Trusts, 901 E St., NW, Washington, DC.

Contact: Register at: <http://dataqualitycampaign.org/events/details/286>.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2011

Title I (E&S)

Subject: The Center for American Progress will host a conference to discuss seven new papers that examine fiscal requirements and other provisions around the expenditure and accounting of Title I funds.

Participants: Patricia Burch, Associate Professor of Education, Rossier School of Education, University of Southern California; Jennifer Cohen, Senior Policy Analyst, New America Foundation; Jon Fullerton, Executive Director, Center for Education Policy Research, Harvard Graduate School of Education; Melissa Junge, Esq., Partner, Federal Education Group, PLLC; Karen Mapp, Lecturer on Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education; Brenda Turnbull, Principal, Policy Studies Associates, Inc.; Martin West, Assistant Professor of Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education; David DeSchryver, Vice President of Education Policy, Whiteboard Advisors; James Guthrie, Senior Fellow and Director of Education Policy Studies, George W. Bush Institute; Paul Manna, Associate Professor, Thomas Jefferson Program in Public Policy, College of William & Mary; and Tony Smith, Superintendent, Oakland Unified School District.

Time and Location: 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; Center for American Progress, 1333 H Street, NW, Washington, DC.

Contact: Register at: 202.682.1611 or

<http://www.americanprogress.org/events/2011/03/TitleI.html/rsvp>.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2011

Rural Education (E&S)

Subject: The Rural School and Community Trust will host a Webinar on, “The Building Assets-Reducing Risks (BARR) Program: Replication and Expansion of an Effective Strategy to Turn Around Low-Achieving Schools” to discuss practical innovations being implemented in rural schools, and the obstacles and challenges faced in transforming rural education.

Participants: Dorris Terry Williams, Executive Director, Rural School and Community Trust.

Time and Location: 2:00 p.m.

Contact: RSVP to: info@ruraledu.org.

Rural Education (E&S)

Subject: The Regional Education Laboratory Program will host a Webinar on “Building a Capacity to Serve ELL Students in a Rural Context” to discuss building capacity through professional development and consortia building in order to better serve ELL students in rural areas.

Participants: Dr. Russell Gersten, Executive Director, Instructional Research Group.

Time and Location: 3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Contact: Register at: <http://tinyurl.com/4b82b4s>.

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Bills to Watch

FY 2011 APPROPRIATIONS

H.R. 1 *Sponsor: Rep Harold Rogers (R-KY)*
Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 (2/19/2011 Passed by House)

H.R. 3082 *Sponsor: Rep. David Obey (D-WI)*
4th Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 would make further continuing appropriations for Fiscal Year 2011 until March 4, 2011 (12/21/10 passed by Senate; 12/21/10 passed by House)

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http://senate.gov/pagelayout/legislative/one_item_and_teasers/2011_schedule.htm

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 Labor: <http://edlabor.house.gov>

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

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