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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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MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2011

None.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2011

Economic Outlook (E&S, H, D)

Subject: The Senate Budget Committee will hold a hearing on "The Budget and Economic Outlook: Fiscal Years 2011-2021."

Witnesses: Richard Berner, Managing Director, Co-head of Global Economics, and Chief U.S. Economist for Morgan Stanley; Simon Johnson, Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics and Professor of Entrepreneurship, MIT's Sloan School of Management; and David Malpass, President, Encima Global.

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

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2011

Impact of Physical Fitness on Women and Girls (E&S, H)

Subject: The National Girls and Women in Sports Day Briefing will be held to emphasize the profound positive impact that being physically active can have on women and girls.

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Participants: Betsey Stevenson, The Wharton School; Heather O'Reilly, two-time Olympic Soccer Gold Medalist and Women's Sports Foundation; Undria Thomas, 15-year old Member, Girls Inc. of Columbus & Phenix-Russell; Peg Pennepacker, Assistant Principal & Athletic Director, Susquehanna Township School District, Pennsylvania; April Osajima, Public Policy Director, Girls Inc.; and Neena Chaudhry, Senior Counsel, National Women's Law Center.

Time and Location: 9:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m.; 2168 Rayburn HOB.

Contact: Amanda Harris at alharris@nwl.org; 202.956.3078.

Education Pathways (E&S, H, D)

Subject: Harvard University will hold an event to discuss and release a report on *Pathways to Prosperity: Meeting the Challenge of Preparing Young Americans for the 21st Century*.

Participants: Secretary Arne Duncan, U.S. Department of Education; Andres Alson, CEO, Baltimore City Public Schools; Ronald Ferguson, Director, Achievement Gap Initiative, Harvard University; Robert Schwartz, Academic Dean, Harvard Graduate School of Education; and Robert Templin, President, Northern Virginia Community College.

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m.; The Capitol View Business and Conference Center, 101 Constitution Avenue NW, Ninth Floor Rotunda/Terrace Conference Room, Washington, DC.

Contact: 202.401.1576.

Turnaround Schools (E&S)

Subject: The Thomas B. Fordham Institute will hold a discussion on a recently released report titled, *Are Bad Schools Immortal? The Scarcity of Turnarounds and Shutdowns in Both Charter and District Sectors*.

Participant: Mike Petrilli, Vice President, Thomas B. Fordham Institute.

Time and Location: 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.; 1016 16th Street NW, 7th Floor, Washington, DC.

Contact: RSVP at: www.edexcellence.net. A simultaneous webcast will be available on the same site.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2011

None.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2011

Turnaround Schools (E&S)

Subject: The Center for American Progress (CAP) will hold an event to release *Turning Around the Nation's Lowest-Performing Schools: Five Steps Districts Can Take to Improve Their Chances of Success*, which highlights how districts can approach reform successfully.

Participants: Raegen Miller (Moderator), Associate Director for Education Policy, CAP; Karen Baroody, Managing Director, Education Resource Strategies, Inc.; James McIntyre, Jr., Superintendent, Knox County Schools, Tennessee; and Jason Willis, Chief Financial Officer, Stockton Unified School District, California.

Time and Location: 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; CAP, 1333 H St. NW, Washington, DC.

Contact: RSVP at:

<http://www.americanprogress.org/events/2011/02/Turningaround.html/rsvp>.

Future Hearings and Events

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2011

Teacher Performance (E&S, H)

Subject: The Alliance for Excellent Education and American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education will hold a briefing titled, "A Standards-Based Approach to Improving Teaching: Teacher Performance Assessment Consortium," to discuss the initiative that 20 states have joined and will highlight the implications for policies to improve the quality, consistency and coherence of teaching nationwide.

Participants: Karen Balmer, Executive Director, Minnesota Board of Teaching; Mariana Haynes, Senior Fellow, Alliance for Excellent Education; Peter McWalters, Consultant, Education Workforce, Council of Chief State School Officers; Ray Pecheone, Director, School Redesign Network, Stanford University; Charles Peck, Director of Teacher Education, University of Washington; Sharon Robinson, President and Chief Executive Officer, American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education; Marcy Singer-Gabella, Professor of the Practice of Education, Vanderbilt University; and Jennifer Wallace, Executive Director, Washington State Professional Education Standards Board.

Time and Location: 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; Washington Court Hotel, Atrium Ballroom, 525 New Jersey Avenue, NW; Washington, DC.

Contact: RSVP by February 1, with subject line “RSVP: February 8 Teacher Performance Assessment” to all4ed@all4ed.org or contact Shawnice Hood at 202.828.0828.

Digital Tools (E&S, H)

Subject: *Education Week* will host the first in a series of webinars on “Using New Media to Enhance Student Writing,” to address the classroom uses of available technology options and provide examples of effective classroom projects.

Participants: Anthony Rebora (Moderator), Managing Editor of *Education Week Teacher* and the *Teacher PD Sourcebook*; Joel Malley, English Teacher, Cheektowaga Central High School, Technology Liaison, Western New York Writing Project; and Sara Kajder, Assistant Professor of English Education, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Time and Location: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Contact: Register at:

<https://event.on24.com/eventRegistration/EventLobbyServlet?target=registration.jsp&eventid=276955&sessionid=1&key=ACEC51026E2B7A6380A22F4109416F92&partnerref=EM012411&sourcepage=register#register>.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY, 15, 2011

Improving Higher Education (H)

Subject: The American Enterprise Institute (AEI) will host an event titled, “Degrees of Difficulty: Can American Higher Education Regain Its Edge?” to highlight new research regarding higher education and to discuss what is known about raising degree completion rates, the policy issues that currently hinder progress, and what can be learned from state-level reform strategies.

Participants: Andrew P. Kelly, AEI; and Mark Schneider, AEI.

Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; AEI, Twelfth Floor, 1150 Seventeenth Street, NW, Washington, DC.

Contact: Register at: at www.aei.org/event/100346. A recording will be available at: www.aei.org/video.

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On The Floor This Week

SENATE

S.223—Federal Aviation Administration Act

HOUSE

Not in session—District Work Period

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Bills to Watch

FY 2011 APPROPRIATIONS

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

U.S. House of Representatives 2011 Schedule:

<http://republicanwhip.house.gov/Calendar/112th1stSessionCalendar.pdf>

U.S. Senate 2011 Schedule

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>

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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