



FOCUS ON EDUCATION This Week in Washington

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This Week in Washington, a weekly publication of BPAG, 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, September 21, 2020

None.

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

Webinar: More Equitable Learning Environments for All Children (E&S)

Subject: The LaundryCares Foundation and Too Small to Fail, an early childhood initiative of the Clinton Foundation, will host a webinar series featuring several announcements of "new commitments and actions that participants will take to create more equitable learning environments for all children."

Participants: Ralph Smith, managing director, Campaign for Grade Level Reading; Chelsea Clinton, vice chair, Clinton Foundation; Judge Ramona Gonzalez, immediate past president, National Council for Juvenile and Family Court Judges; and Mo Willems, author.

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Contact: Register [here](#).

Webinar: Character Education and COVID-19 (E&S)

Subject: *Education Week* will host a webinar on how to build confident, engaged learners through character education during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Contact: Register and full agenda [here](#).

Webinar: Teacher Readiness for Online Learning (E&S, H)

Subject: The National Coalition for Technology in Education and Training (NCTET) will host a webinar to discuss teacher readiness for online learning.

Participants: Dr. Mike Flynn, director, Mathematics Leadership Programs, Mount Holyoke College; Dr. Veronica Garcia, superintendent, Santa Fe Public Schools, NM; Dr. Jeff Gorman, deputy superintendent of schools, Mount Vernon City School District, NY; and Dr. David Schuler, superintendent, District 214, Arlington Heights, IL.

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Contact: Register [here](#).

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Webinar: Distance Learning and the Future of Work (E&S, H)

Subject: *CQ Roll Call* and Fiscal Note will hold a virtual discussion on "Supercharging the Virtual Workforce: Distance Learning and the Future of Work."

Participants: Rep. Suzan DelBene (D-WA); Rep. Bryan Steil (R-WI); Jeremy Nelson, director, University of Michigan XR Initiative; Josh Resnik, senior vice president and publisher, *CQ Roll Call*; Renate Fruchter, director, Stanford University Project Based Learning Laboratory; Michael Casale, chief science officer, STRIVR; Elizabeth Hyman, CEO, XR Association; and Gopal Ratnam, senior staff writer, *CQ Roll Call*.

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Contact: Register [here](#).

Webinar: Successful Strategies for School Reopening (E&S)

Subject: The U.S. Department of Education will host a webinar on "Successful Strategies for School Reopening."

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Contact: Register [here](#).

Webinar: How Money Matters in Education (E&S, H)

Subject: The Committee for Education Funding will host an event on how money and funding for education matters.

Participants: Dr. Tom Harnisch, vice president for government relations, State Higher Education Executive Officers Association; Dr. Rucker C. Johnson, professor of public policy, University of California-Berkeley; Dr. Jenna Sablan, senior policy analyst, State Higher Education Executive Officers Association; and David Sciarra, executive director, Education Law Center.

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Contact: Register [here](#).

Hearing: Senate Appropriations Commerce, Justice, Science Subcommittee (E&S, H)

Subject: The Senate Appropriations Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee will hold a hearing on the proposed budget estimates for FY2021 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

Witness: Jim Bridenstine, Administrator, NASA.

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Contact: More information and live stream available [here](#).

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Webinar: Confronting Education Inequalities (E&S, H, D)

Subject: *Politico* will hold a webinar on "Confronting Inequality in America: The A,B,C's of Education Inequalities."

Participants: Mackenzie Mays, education reporter, *Politico* (Moderator); Eugene Daniels, video reporter, *Politico* (Moderator); Rep. Jahana Hayes (D-CT); John B. King Jr., president and CEO, the Education Trust and former Secretary of Education; and Janice Jackson, CEO, Chicago Public Schools.

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Contact: Register [here](#).

Webinar: Creating Effective Youth-Supporting Partnerships (E&S, H)

Subject: America’s Promise Alliance’s GradNation project will host a webinar to discuss creating effective youth-supporting partnerships to promote success for students facing the greatest obstacles to graduation.

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Contact: Register [here](#).

Webinar: STEM Education and Research in Return to Learning (E&S, H)

Subject: The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) will host a webinar to discuss resources and information to assist STEM students and faculty returning to school.

Participants: Dr. Gregory Triplett, senior associate dean for academic affairs, Virginia Commonwealth University; Dr. Mary Ann Leung, founder, Sustainable Horizons Institute; and Linda Akli, director of IT initiatives, SURA.

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Contact: Register [here](#).

Webinar: Supporting Social Emotional Learning through Music Activity (E&S)

Subject: The National Association for Music Educators will host a webinar on “Supporting Young Children’s Social and Emotional Learning through Music Activity.”

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Contact: Register [here](#).

Webinar: Teaching Literacy in a Virtual Setting (E&S)

Subject: The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards will host a webinar on teaching literacy in a virtual setting.

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Contact: Register [here](#).

Friday, September 25, 2020

Webinar: Helping Students and Young Adults Recover from the COVID-19 Crisis (E&S)

Subject: The Center for American Progress (CAP) will hold a webinar on "The Opportunity and Counseling Corps: Helping K-12 Students and Young Adults Recover from the Coronavirus Crisis."

Participants: Neil Campbell, director of innovation, K-12 Education, CAP (Moderator); Governor Jared Polis, (D-CO); Mara Rudman, executive vice president for policy, CAP; Thomas Showalter, executive director, National Youth Employment Coalition; A.J. Gutierrez, co-founder and chief of marketing and communications, Saga Education; Renata Hedrington-Jones, faculty member, Walden University; and Huiying Chan, research and policy analyst, New York University Metro Center for Research on Equity and the Transformation of Schools.

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Contact: Register [here](#).

Future Hearings and Events

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

Webinar: Centering English Learners in Schools’ Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Subject: The Migration Policy Institute will host a webinar on “Centering English Learners in Schools’ Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic.”

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Contact: Register [here](#).

Webinar: Public Land-Grant Universities (H)

Subject: The Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU) will host a discussion on how public and land-grant universities are involved in U.S. global interests through education, international development, research and public diplomacy.

Participants: Peter McPherson, president, APLU (Moderator); Robert Gates, chancellor, College of William & Mary, former U.S. Secretary of Defense; Waded Cruzado, president, Montana State University; and Robert Jones, chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Contact: Register [here](#).

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Webinar: Promising Strategies to Boost Attendance (E&S)

Subject: Attendance Works and the Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL) will host a webinar to discuss promising strategies to help students show up to school.

Participants: Zeke Cohen, councilmember, Baltimore City Council, MD; Erica Forti, superintendent, East Haven Public School District, CT; Fiorella Guevara, community school director, El Puente M.S. 50, NY; Sheri Hanni, coordinator, Butte County Office of Education, CA; Kwesi Rollins, vice president for leadership & engagement, Institute for Educational Leadership; and Hedy Chang, executive director, Attendance Works.

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Contact: Register [here](#).

Webinar: Children's Budget Summit (E&S)

Subject: First Focus on Children will host their annual Children's Budget Summit to highlight child welfare in the federal budget.

Participants: Senator Michael Bennet (D-CO); Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK); Rep. Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM); and Bruce Lesley, president, First Focus on Children, among others.

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Contact: Register [here](#).

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Agency Meeting: NASA STEM Engagement (E&S, H)

Subject: National Aeronautics and Space Administration will hold a meeting by teleconference of the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Engagement Committee of the NASA Advisory Council

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Contact: Register [here](#); meeting number, 199 338 2435; password, 3pgDmf7PS@7.

Webinar: The Current State of High School Graduation Rates (E&S, H)

Subject: The convening partners of the [GradNation campaign](#)—America's Promise Alliance, The Alliance for Excellent Education, Civic, and the Everyone Graduates Center at Johns Hopkins University will host a webinar focused on the current state of the high school graduation rate in the country and how students are experiencing school during the time of COVID.

Participants: Arne Duncan, founder & managing partner, Chicago Cred and former Secretary of Education; John King Jr., president & CEO, The Education Trust and former Secretary of Education; Margaret Spellings, president & CEO, Texas2036 and former Secretary of Education; Robert Balfanz, principal investigator and researcher, Everyone Graduates Center at Johns Hopkins University School of Education; among others.

Time: 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Contact: Register [here](#).

Webinar: Community College Bachelor Degrees (H)

Subject: New America will host a webinar to discuss community college bachelor's degrees and how they can be a key way to address economic inequity and the increasing credential requirements likely to occur in the recovery from our current recession.

Participants: Anthony Carnevale, director, Georgetown Center on Education and the Workforce; Sameer Gadkaree, senior program officer, Joyce Foundation; Gregory Haile, president, Broward College; and Holly Zanville, strategy director, Lumina Foundation.

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Contact: Register [here](#).

Friday, October 2, 2020

Webinar: Deeper Learning in the Time of COVID-19 (E&S)

Subject: The American Youth Policy Forum will host a webinar to discuss leveraging performance assessments and graduate profiles to best prepare for reopening.

Participants: Roneeta Guha, vice president, Linked Learning; Kristina Turley, coordinator, Pasadena Unified School District, CA; Sofia Valadez, pathways coach, Pasadena Unified School District, CA; and Alcine Mumby, deeper learning coach, Envision Schools.

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Contact: Register [here](#).

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Senate Floor:

Consideration of judicial nominations

House Floor:

[H.R. 4447](#) – Clean Economy Jobs and Innovation Act

Possible Consideration of [H.R. 6210](#) – Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act

Possible Consideration Continuing Resolution on FY21 Appropriations

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COVID-19 Related Bills

[Senate Amendment #2652 to S.178](#) - Targeted Relief Package (9/8/20)

[S. #####](#)- Health, Economic Assistance, Liability Protection, and Schools Act (07/28/20) – Eight bill package including S.4322.

[S. 4322](#) – Safely Back to School and Back to Work Act (7/27/20)

[H.R. 6800](#)- Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions (HEROES) Act (5/15/20)

[H.R. 266](#)- Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act (4/24/20)

[Senate Amendment to H.R. 748](#) - Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (3/27/20)

[H.R. 6201](#) - Families First Coronavirus Response Act (3/18/20)

[H.R. 6074](#) - Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act (3/6/20)

Bills to Watch

FY 2021 Appropriations

Minibus Packages

[H.R. 7617](#) *FY2021 Consolidated Appropriations Act (Defense, Commerce, Justice, Science, Energy and Water Development, Financial Services and General Government, Homeland Security, Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2021)*

Sponsor: Rep. Pete Visclosky (D-IN)
(7/31/20 Passed by House)

[H.R. 7608](#) *FY2021 Consolidated Appropriations Act (State-Foreign Operations, Agriculture, Interior, Military Construction-VA)*

Sponsor: Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY)
(7/24/20 Passed by House)

Select Individual Appropriations Bills

- H.R. 7610** *Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA and Related Agencies Act of FY 2021*
Sponsor: Rep. Sanford Bishop, Jr. (D-GA)
(7/24/20 Passed by House; 7/9/20 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 7/6/20 Passed by Subcommittee)
- H.R. 7612** *Interior and Environment Appropriations Act of FY 2021*
Sponsor: Rep. Betty McCollum (D-MN)
(7/24/20 Passed by House; 7/10/2020 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 7/7/20 Passed by Subcommittee)
- H.R. 7613** *Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of FY 2021*
Sponsor: Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-OH)
(07/13/20 Passed by House Appropriations Committee; 7/7/2020 Passed by Subcommittee)
- H.R. 7614** *Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of FY 2021*
Sponsor: Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)
(07/13/20 Passed by House Appropriations Committee; 7/7/2020 Passed by Subcommittee)
- H.R. 7667** *Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of FY 2021*
Sponsor: Rep. Jose Serrano (D-NY)
(07/14/20 Passed by House Appropriations Committee; 7/8/2020 Passed by Subcommittee)

Authorization Bills

- H.R. 4674** *College Affordability Act of 2019*
Sponsor: Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA)
(10/31/19 Passed by House Education and Labor Committee; 10/15/19 Introduced in House)
- H.R. 865** *Rebuild America's Schools Act*
Sponsor: Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA)
(7/1/20 Approved by House and incorporated into *H.R. 2, Moving Forward Act*; 2/26/19 Passed by House Education and Labor Committee)
- H.R. 4979** *Rural STEM Education Act*
Sponsor: Rep. Frank Lucas (R-OK)
(2/13/20 Approved by House Science, Space and Technology Committee)

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