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This Week in Washington, a weekly publication of BPAG, provides an overview of upcoming events in Washington, D.C. affecting CUR and its members. 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, November 30, 2020
None.

Tuesday, December 1, 2020
Webinar: Education Policy in 2021 and Beyond (E&S, H, D)
Subject: Bose Public Affairs Group will host a webinar with experts in higher education, K-12 education, workforce development and STEM education to discuss what lies ahead in federal education policy in a Biden Administration for advocates, policymakers, state leaders and other key stakeholders.
Participants: Della Cronin, principal, Bose Public Affairs Group (Moderator); Lexi Barrett, associate vice president, Jobs for the Future; Sarah Bolton, policy director, Office of North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper; Alexis Holmes, policy manager, NEA; and Bob Moran, principal, Bose Public Affairs Group.
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Contact: Register here.

Webinar: Public Education in the Fight against COVID-19 (E&S, H)
Subject: The Open Society Foundations will hold a virtual discussion on “Teachers, Students, and Public Education in the Fight against COVID-19.”
Participants: Leonard Benardo, vice president, Open Society Foundations (Moderator); Patrick Gaspard, president, Open Society Foundations; Amina Mohammed, deputy secretary general, United Nations; Nicolas Trotta, minister of education, Argentina; Amilcar Sanatan, representative, Global Student Forum; David
Edwards, general secretary, Education International; and Camilla Croso, director, Open Society Education Program.

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Contact:** Register [here](#).

**Webinar: Philanthropy and Educational Equity (E&S, H)**

**Subject:** The Hunt Institute will host a webinar titled, “Supporting Educational Equity Through Philanthropy,” to discuss the barriers that prevent students from low-income communities and students of color from accessing opportunities for educational success, and how philanthropy can partner with schools, districts, and states to provide solutions that promote and create equitable learning.

**Participants:** Dr. Celine Coggins, executive director, Grantmakers for Education; Wes Moore, CEO, Robin Hood Foundation; and Henry Hipps, deputy director, K-12 Education, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

**Time:** 1:00 p.m.

**Contact:** Register [here](#).

**Webinar: Campus Free Expression (H)**

**Subject:** The Bipartisan Policy Center will hold a virtual launch of the “Academic Leaders Task Force on Campus Free Expression.”

**Participants:** Greta Anderson, reporter, *Inside Higher Ed* (Moderator); Christine Gregoire, CEO, Challenge Seattle; Jim Douglas, executive-in-residence, Middlebury College; Ronald Crutcher, president, University of Richmond; and Carol Sumner, vice president of diversity, equity and inclusion, Texas Tech University.

**Time:** 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Contact:** Register [here](#).

**Webinar: Improvements to CTE Programs (E&S, H)**

**Subject:** The Institute of Education Sciences will host a webinar on creating exceptional career and technical education (CTE) programs that prepare students for high-demand careers.

**Participants:** Miya Warner, principal education researcher, REL Appalachia at SRI International; Julie Harris, senior researcher, REL Appalachia at SRI International; Amy Arneson, senior researcher, REL Northwest, Education Northwest; and Lynn Mellor, deputy director, REL Southwest, American Institutes for Research.

**Time:** 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Contact:** Register [here](#).

**Wednesday, December 2, 2020**

**Webinar: COVID-19’s Exposing Existing Inequities in the US Higher Education System (H)**

**Subject:** Third Way will host an interactive “Wine with Wonks” event to address key questions related to how COVID-19 has impacted higher education and the most vulnerable student populations.

**Participants:** Mauriell Amechi, visiting assistant professor, Old Dominion University; Oded Gurantz, assistant professor, University of Missouri; Cecilia Orphan, assistant professor, University of Denver; and Di Xu, associate professor, University of California, Irvine.

**Time:** 4:00 p.m.

**Contact:** Register [here](#).

**Thursday, December 3, 2020**

**Webinar: Future of Evidence-Based Policymaking (E&S, H)**

**Subject:** Results for America and the National Academy of Public Administration will host a webinar to discuss the latest developments in evidence-based policymaking and the ways federal agencies and Congress continue to leverage the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act (Evidence Act) to improve results for young people, their families, and communities.

**Participants:** Michele Jolin, CEO and co-founder, Results for America; Teresa Gerton, president and CEO, National Academy of Public Administration; David Medina, COO and co-founder, Results for America; and Josh Inaba, senior manager for state and federal policy, Results for America.

**Time:** 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Future Hearings and Events

Wednesday, December 9, 2020
Webinar: Education Insights from 2020 and Implications for 2021 (E&S, H)
Subject: Strada Education Network will host a webinar to highlight key findings and themes from the 2020 Public Viewpoint research on education and the economy and discuss the critical implications of leaders in the field as they plan for 2021.
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Contact: Register here.

Webinar: Data for Equity in a COVID-19 Economy (E&S, H)
Subject: Jobs for the Future (JFF) will host a webinar on “Leveraging Data for Equity in a COVID-19 Economy,” exploring what recession-informed workforce data is, how we make it useful to pathways that are already in place, and where immediate pivots are needed for the future.
Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Contact: Register here.

Friday, December 11, 2020
Agency Meeting: NSF STEM Education Advisory Panel (E&S, H)
Subject: The National Science Foundation will hold a meeting of the STEM Education Advisory Panel.
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Contact: Register to stemedadvisory@nsf.gov
COVID-19 Related Bills

SA 2652 to S. 178 - Delivering Immediate Relief to America's Families, Schools and Small Businesses Act (10/23/20 Failed in Senate)
H.R. 8406 - Updated HEROES Act (9/30/20 Passed by House of Representatives)
S. 4322 – Safely Back to School and Back to Work Act (7/27/20 Introduced)

Senate Amendment to H.R. 748 - Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (3/27/20 Signed by President)
H.R. 6201 - Families First Coronavirus Response Act (3/18/20 Signed by President)
H.R. 6074 - Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act (3/6/20 Signed by President)

Bills to Watch

FY 2021 Appropriations

Continuing Resolution
H.R. 8337 – Continuing Appropriations Act, 2021 and Other Extensions Act
Sponsor: Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY)
(10/1/20 Signed by President; 9/30/20 Passed by Senate; 9/22/20 Passed by House)

Minibus Packages

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)

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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