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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, December 14, 2020
Webinar: Is it Time to Reopen Schools? (E&S)
Subject: Bellwether Education Partners will host a webinar to discuss the timeline for reopening schools.
Participants: Andy Rotherham, co-founder & partner, Bellwether Education Partners (Moderator); Janice K. Jackson, CEO, Chicago Public Schools; and Emily Oster, professor of economics, Brown University.
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Contact: Register here.

Webinar: Understanding the Presidential Transition Process (E&S, H, D)
Subject: The Brookings Institution will host a webinar to examine the presidential transition process and how it will impact the makeup of the federal government and Biden-Harris Administration’s policy priorities.
Participants: Elaine Kamarck, founding director, Center for Effective Public Management, Brookings Institution (Moderator); Lisa Brown, vice president and general counsel, co-director of agency review, Obama-Biden Transition Project; John Hudak, deputy director, Center for Effective Public Management, Brookings Institution; and Kathryn Dunn Tenpas, nonresident senior fellow, Bookings Institution.
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Contact: Register and full agenda here.
Tuesday, December 15, 2020

Webinar: Data on COVID-19’s Impact on Student Learning (E&S)

Subject: NWEA will host a webinar to present the latest national research exploring how school shutdowns impacted student achievement at the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

Participants: Beth Tarasawa, executive vice president for research, NWEA; Chase Nordengren, senior research scientist for professional learning, NWEA; and Abby Javurek, vice president, Solution Vision and Impact, NWEA.

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Contact: Register [here](#).

Webinar: Expanding Inclusion and Diversity in Tech Apprenticeships (E&S, H)

Subject: The Urban Institute will hold a virtual discussion on “Expanding Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Tech Apprenticeships.”

Participants: Daniel Kuehn, senior research associate, Urban Institute’s Income and Benefits Policy Center (Moderator); Girish Seshagiri, past co-chair, National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education Apprenticeship Working Group; Michael Ward Jr., president and CEO, Austin Urban Technology Movement; Diana Elliott, principal research associate, Urban Institute’s Center on Labor Human Services and Population; Heather Terenzio, CEO and founder, Techtonic; Nicole Brown, senior principal information technology security consultant, Carter Enterprise Solutions; and Sierra Butcher, cyber security analyst, Fiserv.

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Contact: Register [here](#).

Webinar: School Choice During the Transition (E&S)

Subject: The Brown Center for Education Policy at Brookings and the National Center for Research on Education Access and Choice (REACH) will host a webinar to examine how U.S. schools have responded to COVID-19, including why traditional public, charter, and private schools are responding differently and what to expect for school choice reforms in the years ahead, especially with the change in administrations.

Participants: Panel One: Douglas N. Harris, nonresident senior fellow, Brown Center on Education Policy, Brookings (Moderator); Angélica Infante-Green, commissioner of elementary and secondary education, RI; J. R. Green, superintendent, Fairfield County Schools, SC; Betheny Gross, associate director, Center on Reinventing Public Education; and Terrence Martin Sr., president, Detroit Federation of Teachers. Panel Two: Jon Valant, senior fellow, Brown Center on Education Policy, Brookings (Moderator); Jennifer Berkshire, freelance journalist; James Blew, assistant secretary for planning, evaluation and policy development, U.S. Department of Education; Preston Green III, John and Maria Neag professor of urban education, professor of educational leadership and law, University of Connecticut; and Frederick Hess, resident scholar and the director of education policy studies, American Enterprise Institute.

Time: 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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

Webinar: Opportunities for Systemic Innovation in Education (E&S)

Subject: The Hunt Institute will host a webinar to discuss some of the lessons learned from COVID-19 related to building closures and how those can be applied to supporting students more equitably and systemically in the long-run.

Participants: Eric Hall, senior chancellor, Florida Department of Education; Janice Jackson, CEO, Chicago Public Schools; and Patricia Levesque, CEO ExcelinEd.

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Contact: Register [here](#).

Webinar: Monitoring Educational Equity (E&S)

Subject: The American Educational Research Association and National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine will host a webinar to discuss findings from a new report exploring equity indicators such as exposure to racial, ethnic, and economic segregation; non-exclusionary disciplinary policies; access to non-academic support for students; and access to high-quality academic supports.

Time: 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Contact: Register [here](#).
Wednesday, December 16, 2020
None.

Thursday, December 17, 2020
Webinar: Marginalization of Black Girls in Women in Education (E&S, H)
Subject: The Hunt Institute will host a webinar to discuss the academic, emotional, and professional challenges facing women of color in the education system and beyond.
Participants: Jiliana Stratton, Lieutenant Governor, IL; Jen McGowan-Tomke, COO, National Alliance on Mental Illness Chicago; and Elizabeth Todd-Breland, associate professor of history, University of Illinois.
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Contact: Register here.

Webinar: Using Policy to Improve Principal Quality (E&S)
Subject: National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) will host a webinar on “Using Policy to Improve Principal Quality.”
Participants: Susan Gates, author, RAND Corporation; and Robert Hull, CEO, NASBE.
Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Contact: Register here.

Friday, December 18, 2020
Webinar: Engaging Families and Communities in Recovery (E&S)
Subject: Education Week will host a webinar to examine how schools and districts provide more support to parents and caregivers to help students learn and thrive.
Participants: Christina Samuels, associate editor, Education Week (Moderator); Nancy Hill, professor of education, Harvard Graduate School of Education; Todd Rogers, professor of public policy, Harvard Kennedy School; Greg White, president and CEO, LEARN Charter School Network; and Justin Jones, senior managing director, Effective Family Engagement, Flamboyan Foundation.
Time: 12:00 p.m.
Contact: Register here.

On The Floor This Week
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Consideration of various nominations
Potential Consideration of Legislation Providing Further Funding for Fiscal Year 2021
Potential Consideration of Coronavirus Relief Legislation

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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)
H.R. 266 - Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act (4/24/20 Signed by President)
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. 8900 - Continuing Appropriations Act, 2021 and Other Extensions Act
Sponsor: Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY)
(12/11/20 Signed by President; 12/11/20 Passed by Senate; 12/9/20 Passed by House)

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)

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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