

# The Education Report

## *This Week in Washington*

*An overview of upcoming events in Washington, D.C. Affecting American Education*

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For the week of October 31 – November 4, 2005

♣-- related to elementary and secondary education

◆ -- related to higher education

\* -- related to disability policy

Monday, October 31, 2005

None

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

**Category:** ♣ STEM Education

**Subject:** The Urban Institute will hold a briefing titled “Global Stakes, Local Control: A District Guide to Math and Science Education Reform.” Panelists at this forum will look at how related research applies to real-life school districts, exploring the following themes: fixing the system, not the kids: how school reform must reverse the decline in science and mathematics achievement; content matters: what roles curricula and professional development play in school reform; and using data to make change: why basing reform efforts on effectiveness data and research is important.

**Speakers:** Kevin Finneran (moderator), editor-in-chief, *Issues in Science and Technology*, The National Academies; Arlene Ackerman, superintendent, San Francisco Unified School District; Beatriz Chu Clewell, principal research associate and director, Program for Evaluation and Equity Research, Education Policy Center, Urban Institute; Shirley Malcom, head, Directorate for Education and Human Resources Programs, American Association for the Advancement of Science; and Roger Nozaki, associate dean, Brown University and director, Howard R. Swearer Center for Public Service

**Time and Location:** 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; Urban Institute, 2100 M Street N.W., 5th Floor, Washington, D.C..

**Contact:** To RSVP, e-mail [paffairs@ui.urban.org](mailto:paffairs@ui.urban.org) or call 202.261-5709.

**Category:** ♣ ♦ Civil Rights Curriculum

**Subject:** Reception and news conference to unveil a new civil rights curriculum, "Freedom on the Move: Continuing the March Toward a More Perfect Union," for the nation's middle schools.

**Participants:** Sen. Mike Enzi (R-WY), chairman, Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee; Sen. Sam Brownback (R-KS); Rep. John Boehner (R-OH), chairman, Education and the Workforce Committee; Rep. John Lewis (D-GA); and Nathaniel Philips, Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self-Development.

**Time and Location:** 6:30 p.m.; G-50 Dirksen SOB.

**Contact:** Mark Bubrisk, 202.965.2810.

## Wednesday, November 2, 2005

**Category:** ♣ ♦ OECD Science, Technology and Industry Videoconference

**Subject:** Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) will host a videoconference discussion on the U.S. position in science, technology and industry, and the ways that global developments are affecting this position.

**Speaker:** Dirk Pilat, senior economist, OECD Economic Analysis and Statistics Division.

**Time and Location:** 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.; OECD Washington Center, 2001 L Street, NW, Suite 650, Washington, D.C., or dial 1.800.531.3250; ID: 3850588. You can hear the lecture, and participate in the discussion remotely.

**Contact:** [Laura.Creswell@oecd.org](mailto:Laura.Creswell@oecd.org), OECD Washington Center, 202.822.3873.

## Thursday, November 3, 2005

**Category:** ♣ ♦ \*Budget Reconciliation (*Tentative*)

**Subject:** The House Budget Committee will mark-up FY 2006 House spending reconciliation legislation.

**Time and Location:** TBA.

**Contact:** 202.226.7270.

**Category:** ♦ NASA

**Subject:** The House Science Committee will hold a hearing on the status of NASA programs.

**Witness:** Michael D. Griffin, administrator, NASA.

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

**Contact:** 202.225.6371.

## Friday, November 4, 2005

**Category:** ♣ Adolescent Literacy

**Subject:** The International Reading Association, the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM), the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS), and the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) will hold an event to release, "Standards for Middle and High School Literacy Coaches and Subject Matter Teachers."

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; Hall of States, 444 N. Capitol Street, NW; Washington, D.C..

**Contact:** Barbara Tierney, International Reading Association, 202.624.8800.

**Category:** ♣♦ Teacher Education

**Subject:** The American Educational Research Association (AERA) and the Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL) will sponsor a luncheon forum titled, “Doing More With What We Know About Teachers and Teacher Education” which will look at how we should be working to create and implement programs of teacher education that will serve the education needs of all the nation’s children given current resources.

**Speaker:** Sharon Robinson, executive director and president, American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE).

**Time and Location:** 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.; The Library of Congress, Madison Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Independence Avenue, SE, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Montpelier Room (Dining Room C), Washington, D.C..

**Contact:** Please RSVP by e-mail to Barbara Leitham (AERA), [bleitham@aera.net](mailto:bleitham@aera.net) or by fax 202.775.1824. Reservations required. Limited available seating is assigned according to the order in which reservations are received. A \$13 donation for the subsidized lunch will be collected at the door.

**Category:** \*People with Disabilities from Culturally Diverse Backgrounds

**Subject:** National Council on Disability (NCD) will hold a meeting of the Cultural Diversity Advisory Committee, to provide advice and recommendations to NCD on issues affecting people with disabilities from culturally diverse backgrounds.

**Time and Location:** 3:00 p.m.; National Council on Disability, 1331 F St., NW, Suite 850, Washington, D.C..

**Contact:** Gerrie Hawkins, 202.272.2004, [ghawkins@ncd.gov](mailto:ghawkins@ncd.gov).

## Future Hearings and Events

### Conference Committee

**Category:** ♣♦\*Labor Health and Human Services and Education Fiscal Year 2006 Appropriations

**Subject:** House and Senate conferees will meet to consider legislation that would make fiscal 2006 appropriations for the Labor Department, the Health and Human Services Department and the Education Department.

**Time and Location:** TBA

**Contact:** 202.224.7216 or 202.225.3508.

### Thursday, November 7, 2005

**Category:** ♣ High School Reform

**Subject:** The Alliance for Excellent Education will host a full-day symposium titled, “Toward a More Literate Nation: Raising the Bar for Reading & Writing Instruction in Middle & High Schools.”

**Speakers:** Patricia Alexander, University of Maryland; Susan Frost, Education Priorities, Inc.; Judith Langer, Center on English Learning & Achievement; James McPartland, Talent Development High Schools; Mary Laura Openshaw, Florida Department of Education; Melvina Phillips, National Association of Secondary School Principals; Delia Pompa, The Achievement Alliance; Mel Riddle, JEB Stuart High School; and Cathy Roller, International Reading Association.

**Time and Location:** 8:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.; J.W. Marriott, 1331 Pennsylvania Ave., NW; Washington, D.C..

**Contact:** Space for this event is limited; RSVPs will be accepted on a "first-come" basis. Acceptances ONLY with subject line "RSVP: November 7 Symposium" to [all4ed@all4ed.org](mailto:all4ed@all4ed.org) and please include the full name, affiliation, contact information, and any special needs of the registrant. Or contact Kathleen Mohr at 202.828.0828 by October 30<sup>th</sup>.

## Tuesday, December 6 2005

**Category:** ♣ ♦ English Language Learners

**Subject:** The Alliance for Excellent Education (AEE) will hold a breakfast forum to introduce the Six Key Strategies for Teachers of English Language Learners, designed for secondary English Language Learner teachers by the New Teacher Center. This tool provides teachers with strategies to improve language development *and* to enhance reading comprehension and writing skills.

**Speakers:** Representative Ruben Hinojosa (D-TX); Rain Bongolan, development coordinator for English Learner Instruction, New Teacher Center at the University of California-Santa Cruz; and Deborah Short, director of Language Education & Academic Development, Center for Applied Linguistics.

**Time and Location:** 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; HC-5, United States Capitol.

**Contact:** Space for this event is limited; RSVPs will be accepted on a "first-come" basis. Acceptances ONLY with subject line "RSVP: December 6 breakfast" to [all4ed@all4ed.org](mailto:all4ed@all4ed.org) and please include the full name, affiliation, contact information, and any special needs of the registrant. Or contact Kathleen Mohr at 202.828.0828 by November 29<sup>th</sup>.

## What's On The Floor This Week

Senate: [S. 1932](#), Deficit Reduction Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 2005

House: [H.R. 4128](#), Private Property Rights Protection Act of 2005

## Bills to Watch

[H.J. Res 68](#) – Fiscal Year 2006 Continuing Resolution (signed by President 9/30/05, passed by Senate 9/30/05; passed by House 9/29/05).

[H.R. 3010](#) – FY 2006 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Legislation. (passed by Senate 10/27/05, passed by House of Representatives 6/24/05; passed House Appropriations Committee 6/16/05; passed House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education 6/9/05).

[S.9](#) - Lifetime of Education Opportunities Act of 2005, to improve American competitiveness in the global economy by improving and strengthening Federal education and training programs, and for other purposes.

[S. 15](#) - Quality Education for All Act, a bill to improve education for all students.

[S. 117](#) – a bill to amend the Higher Education Act to extend loan forgiveness for certain loans to Head Start teachers.

[S. 250](#) – Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2005, a bill to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998. (3/10/05 Senate passed by vote of 99-0; 3/9/05 passed by HELP Committee)

[S. 371](#) – College Quality, Affordability, and Diversity Improvement Act of 2005, a bill to provide college quality, affordability and diversity.

[S. 537](#) – Child Health Care Crisis Relief Act, a bill to increase number of mental health service professionals, including those in schools, who provide clinical mental health care to children and adolescents.

[S. 696](#) – Rural Schools Geography Act, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act to lift requirement that a LEA provide a student the option to transfer to another school if it is impractical due to the distance to be traveled, a geographical barrier or hazard or an unusually high cost of travel.

[S. 724](#) – No Child Left Behind Reform Act, a bill to give states more flexibility in calculating student achievement and meeting the highly qualified teacher requirement.

[S. 676](#) – GRAD Act, a bill to federally authorize the Project GRAD program.

[S. 765](#) - [H.R. 1547](#) – Math and Science Incentive Act, a bill to provide student loan assistance for science, technology, engineering or math teachers.

[S. 848](#) - [H.R. 1681](#) – Educational Reform Act of 2005, a bill to authorize Head Start with reserves for Indian Head Start and migrant and seasonal Head Start programs; authorize five-year grants to tribal colleges to create teacher education courses; expand the TRIO and GEAR –UP programs and increase minimum Pell grant; and it would authorize free college tuition for mathematics, science and special education teachers.

[S.990](#) – A bill to provide a grant program to support the establishment and operation of Teachers Professional Development Institutes.

[S.1020](#) – COMPETE Act of 2005, a bill to make the United States competitive in a global economy.

[S.1021](#) – A bill to reauthorize the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (5/18/05 passed by Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee).

[S.1029](#) – Accessing College through Comprehensive Early Outreach and State Partnerships Act, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to expand college access and increase college persistence, and for other purposes.

[S.1055](#) – No Child Left Behind Improvement Act of 2005, a bill to improve elementary and secondary education.

[S.1061](#) – Pathways For All Students To Succeed Act, a bill to provide for secondary school reform, and for other purposes.

[S. 1068](#) - Higher Education Affordability, Access, and Opportunity Act of 2005, a bill to provide for higher education affordability, access, and opportunity.

[S. 1107](#) and [H.R. 2123](#) – Head Start Improvements for School Readiness Act, a bill to reauthorize the Head Start Act (8/31/05 passed by Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee).

[S. 1267](#) – Gearing Up for Academic Success Act.

[S. 1432](#) – Paul Wellstone Early Educator Loan Forgiveness Act, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve the loan forgiveness program for child care providers, including preschool teachers.

[S. 1433](#) – Ready to Educate All Children Act, a bill to establish a grant program to enable institutions of higher education to improve schools of education to better prepare teachers to educate all children.

[S. 1434](#) – Master Teacher Scholarship Act, a bill to provide grants to teacher preparation programs at institutions of higher education to award scholarships for teachers to receive a graduate level degree.

[S. 1435](#) – Collaborative Agreements to Recruit Educators Act, a bill to establish a grant program for institutions of higher education to collaborate with low-income schools to recruit students to pursue and complete postsecondary degrees in education.

[S. 1614](#) – Higher Education Amendments of 2005, a bill to reauthorize the Higher Education Act of 1965.

[S. 1904](#) – Hurricane Katrina Elementary and Secondary Education Recovery Act.

[S. 1932](#) – Budget Reconciliation Act (10/26/05 passed by Senate Budget Committee).

## **HOUSE**

[H.R.27](#) – To enhance the workforce investment system of the Nation by strengthening one-stop career centers, providing for more effective governance arrangements, promoting access to a more comprehensive array of employment, training, and related services, establishing a targeted approach to serving youth, and improving performance accountability, and for other purposes (2/9/05 passed by Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness; 2/17/05 passed by House Education and the Workforce Committee; 3/2/05 passed by full House with amendments.)

[H.R.181](#)- Parental Consent Act of 2005, to prohibit the use of federal funds for any universal or mandatory mental health-screening program.

[H.R.224](#) - Comprehensive Learning Assessment for Students and Schools (CLASS) Act, to amend part A of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding adequate yearly progress and assessments.

H.R. 250 – Manufacturing Technology Competitiveness Act, has as one of its goals to strengthen existing programs to assist manufacturing innovation and education. Includes funding for diverse institutions, such as Historically Black Colleges and Universities, for technical workforce education and development (9/22/05 passed by House).

[H.R. 283](#) – Bullying and Gang Prevention for School Safety and Crime Reduction Act, to authorize the use of grants funds for bullying and gang prevention.

[H.R. 284](#) – Establishing Anti-Bullying and Harassment Programs, to amend Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act to include bullying and harassment prevention programs and to assure each state would provide assistance to districts and schools in their efforts to prevent and respond to bullying and harassment.

[H.R. 366](#) – Vocational and Technical Education for the Future Act, to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998. (5/4/05 passed by House of Representatives; 3/9/05 amended and passed by Education and Workforce Committee)

[H.R. 450](#) – National Science Education Incentive Act of 2005, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to encourage stronger math and science programs at elementary and secondary schools.

[H.R. 509](#) – International Studies in Higher Education Act, which reauthorizes Title VI of the Higher Education Act (passed 5/16/05 House Education and Workforce Subcommittee on Select Education.)

[H.R. 510](#) – Graduate Opportunities in Higher Education Act, which reauthorizes Title VII of the Higher Education Act (passed 5/16/05 House Education and Workforce Subcommittee on Select Education).

[H.R. 547](#) – Graduation for All Act, a bill to improve graduation rates by authorizing grants to improve adolescent literacy.

[H.R. 559](#) – a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to direct the Secretary of Education to make grants to States for assistance in hiring additional school-based mental health and student service providers.

[H.R. 609](#) – a bill to amend and extend the Higher Education Act of 1965. (passed Education and the Workforce Committee 7/22/05; passed 21<sup>st</sup> Century Competitiveness Subcommittee 7/14/05).

[H.R. 670](#) – Teacher Recruitment and Retention Act of 2005, a bill to make permanent the teacher loan forgiveness provisions of the Taxpayer Teacher Protection Act.

[H.R. 770](#) – Head Start Accountability Act, a bill to streamline the Head Start audit process.

[H.R. 986](#) – Teacher Tax Credit Act, a bill to provide a nonrefundable tax credit for teachers, counselors, principals or aides who teach or work full time in a Title I school.

[H.R. 1106](#) – Child Health Care Crisis Relief Act, a bill to increase number of mental health service professionals, including those in schools, who provide clinical mental health care to children and adolescents.

[H.R. 1282](#) – GRAD Act, a bill to federally authorize the Project GRAD program.

[H.R. 2123](#) and [S. 1107](#) – School Readiness Act of 2005, reauthorization of Head Start (9/22/05 passed by House of Representatives; 5/18/05; passed by House Education and Workforce Committee; 5/11/05 passed by House Education and the Workforce Subcommittee on Education Reform)

[H.R. 2178](#) – Student Bill of Rights

[H.R.2207](#) / [S.986](#) – To authorize the Secretary of Education to award grants for the support of full-service community schools, and for other purposes.

[H.R.2325](#) – To direct the National Science Foundation to establish a competitive grant program for institutions of higher education to enhance education and job training opportunities in mathematics, science, engineering, and technology.

[H.R.2340](#) – To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend loan forgiveness for certain loans to Head Start teachers.

[H.R. 2325](#) – Establishing Competitive Grants at the National Science Foundation, to direct the National Science Foundation to establish a competitive grant program for institutions of higher education to enhance education and job training opportunities in mathematics, science, engineering and technology through scholarships, stipends, internships, research and other programs.

[H.R. 2835](#) and [S.1218](#) – To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, the Higher Education Act of 1965, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve recruitment, preparation, distribution, and retention of public elementary and secondary school teachers and principals, and for other purposes.

[H.R. 2923](#) – Improving Literacy of LEP Students.

[H.R. 2960](#) – College Opportunity for All Act.

[H.R. 3784](#) – Higher Education Act Extension (signed by President 9/30/05; passed Senate 9/26/05; House of Representatives 9/20/05).

[H.R. 4018](#) – Setting Priorities in Spending Act.

[H.R. 4097](#)– Family Education Reimbursement Act (10/27/05 House Education and Workforce Committee defeated bill. Rep. Boehner announced he would include the plan in the committee's recommendation to the Budget Committee for the reconciliation package.).

## Important Links for Up-to-Date Information on Hearings, Legislation, and Events

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 the Workforce: <http://edworkforce.house.gov>

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

U.S House Budget Committee: <http://www.house.gov/budget>

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