My Education, My Right(s)

Global Campaign for Education - US Update
April 25th, 2019

Make an impact today!

- We urge you to take action to defend against budget cuts and send a message to your Member of Congress today!

- Please share this Student and Teacher Activity Guide with your networks!

On the Hill:
Thank you to all those who signed on to the community global education letter asking U.S. State, Foreign operations and related programs appropriations subcommittee to fully support the International Basic Education account for the Fiscal Year 2020. We had over 40 organizational signatories -- twice as many as last year! View the letter here.

Legislation

Ending Violence Against Children Resolution:
In schools worldwide, 246 million boys and girls experience gender-based violence. Girls are at a higher risk of sexual violence, harassment, and exploitation and school-
recognize the economic consequences of violence against children and youth. Ask your representative to support the resolution here.

The Keeping Girls in Schools Act was re-introduced in the House and Senate on April 9th by Representatives Susan W. Brooks, Lois Frankel, Brian Fitzpatrick, and Nita Lowey, and Senators Lisa Murkowksi and Jeanne Shaheen. The act brings attention to the systemic barriers preventing girls from accessing secondary education, such as child marriage, religious or ethnic discrimination, female genital mutilation & poor safety traveling to schools. Read more.

What's Happening at GCE-US?

On April 2nd, GCE-US and UNICEF USA met with global studies students from Drexel University to discuss child rights and global education. If you're interested in staying up to date with youth advocacy opportunities and the global education movement sign up here to get involved.

Inclusive Education: 21st Century Learning
April 4th: DAI, the Basic Education Coalition and GCE-US hosted a seminar exploring the intersection between literacy and inclusive education in today's changing world. Read a summary of the event here.
JRS/USA Advocacy Day

April 4th: GCE-US member JRS/USA welcomed a group of over 50 participants from 15 states, DC, and 30 Congressional Districts for its annual Advocacy Day. Advocates met with 51 Congressional offices, including member meetings with Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and Representative Anthony Gonzalez (R-OH).

World Bank Civil Society Spring Meetings

April 9th: Civil society leaders from the Right to Education Initiative, the Initiative for Social & Economic Rights, EACH Rights, Amnesty International, Oxfam International, The Equal Education Law Centre, and GCE-US met with World Bank Education Practice Senior Director Jaime Saavedra to discuss inclusive education and the implementation of the Abidjan Principles.

April 10th: The World Bank and UNICEF announced their commitment to promote education, skills and training for young people in developing countries with the goal of boosting their employment prospects. The partnership will align $1 billion in World Bank investments with Generation Unlimited.


April 12th: Global education advocates from IREX, NEA, Pencils for Promise, Focal Point Global, Oxfam International, and GCE-US met for a roundtable discussion at the Brookings Center for Universal Education with the Minister of Education from Ghana.

Later that day, GCE-US board member Mahpari Sotoudeh moderated a dialogues with civil society members, Yasmine Sharif and the Education Cannot Wait (ECW) Secretariat to discuss progress and ways to ensure quality, inclusive education in emergency and crisis settings.
For Your Reading List

Report Launches:

- Oxfam International: False Promises, How delivering education through public-private partnerships risks fueling inequality instead of achieving quality education for all.
- UNICEF: A World Ready to Learn: Prioritizing Quality Early Childhood Education

Latest Blogs & Editorials:

The Power of Networked Impact by Taylor Rogers of 260by26

>> Would you like to write a GCE-US blog? Please send us your idea at: info@gce-us.org

Upcoming: See you there!

- ChildFund International and GCE-US Event on Preventing School-Based Violence Thu, April 25, 2pm. RSVP here. 1201 16th Street NW, Room A, Washington, DC 20036
- Global Action Week for Education: “Our Education, Our Rights” April 24th – May 1st
  - Please share the Student and Teacher Activity Guide with your networks today!