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Transformative Education Needed Year-Round

Black Lives Matter at School week kicked off on February 4th and gained momentum as educators, parents, students, unions and community organizations united to combat racial injustice in schools. The movement aims to end zero tolerance discipline, implement restorative justice, mandate Black history and ethnic studies in K-12 curriculum, and support the hiring of Black teachers. To find out how to participate in actions throughout the year visit here.

Education Actions on the Hill

- Rebuild America’s Schools Act of 2019 (H.R. 862/S. 266)
- H.R. 276: Thank you to everyone who takes action in support of inclusive education! This bill to direct the Secretary of Education to establish the Recognizing Inspiring School Employees (RISE) Award Program recognizing excellence exhibited by classified school employees providing services to students in prekindergarten through high school passed the House.

Appropriations News:
The Global Campaign for Education-US commends Congress for sustaining funding for international education in the Fiscal Year 2019 State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Bill. Congress funded International Basic Education at a minimum of $800,000,000 and multilateral partnerships that support education at a minimum of $90,000,000, ensuring that the United States continues to be a leader in efforts to improve education opportunities around the world.

We are especially thankful for the leadership of House Appropriations Committee Chairwoman Nita Lowey (D-NY), Appropriations Committee Ranking Member Kay Granger (R-TX), and SFOPS Subcommittee Ranking Member Hal Rogers (R-KY) in providing resources for the education of children in need. We are thankful also to the Senate Appropriations State and Foreign Operations Chair and ranking member Senator Lindsay Graham and Patrick Leahy for their leadership on this issue.

GCE-US Updates

GCE-US coalition members kicked off the month of February by planning for education advocacy in 2019 during our first member retreat of the year.

Members brainstorm monthly goals.

We are excited to announce the addition of a new coalition member IACT, an international NGO providing programs, education campaigns, and research to respond to global humanitarian crises.

Grow the Movement: Spring is on its way! Now is a great time to become a sustaining donor with the Global Campaign for Education-US so that we can together accomplish even more. Thanks to your support, we will amplify our advocacy and partnership efforts this year, build new champions for global education, and empower advocates and leaders in our Youth Engagement Program. Please give today!

Photo from education advocate and Peace Corps volunteer, Tom Sabella.

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**RIGHT TO EDUCATION INDEX LAUNCH**

The 2018 data and recommendations for the Right to Education Index (RTEI) are now live! The RTEI monitors the right to education in countries based on indicators derived from the international right to education framework. RESULTS Educational Fund and global RTEI partners, including GCE-US, have gathered data on the scope and fulfillment of the global right to education from a network of countries around the world.

GCE-US led RTEI research on behalf of the United States to examine the status of the right to education in the United States. An interactive review of these findings can be found on the RTEI Map where the data is aggregated into the key themes of governance, availability, accessibility, acceptability, and adaptability.

The RTEI US Country Brief can be found [here](https://mailchi.mp/gce-us/february2019newsletter).

**UPCOMING**

- International Women’s Day, March 8th.
- #EnoughWeek of Action, March 11th-15th.
- UNICEF USA Annual Summit, March 16th-19th.
- GCE-US Community of Practice for Inclusive Education Meeting, March 27th. For more information contact Anna Martin (amartin@gce-us.org)
- Global Action Week for Education (GAFE), April 24th-May 2nd. More details to come.

**FEBRUARY BLOGS**

- **MENTEE students Viviana Romero and Hiram Lugo** share their stories as first generation students in the US.
- **Amanda Welsh**, Executive Director of the Foundation for Scholarly Culture, shares insight on the meaning of early education development from her trip to the Kakuma Refugee Camp. Read, “What We Measure Matters”

**COALITION EVENTS**

- **February 25-28th**: JRS/USA held their #FullopHope speaker tour with Dr. Mireille Twayigira who shared her inspirational story of adversity and triumph. Dr. Twayigira discussed surviving tragedy, living as a refugee, and pursuing her education against all odds.
- **February 27th**: The Child Labor Coalition, The American Federation of Teachers, 100 Million, and the Kailash Satyarthi Children’s Foundation sponsored a talk with Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and Global Campaign for Education co-founder Kailash Satyarthi as he visited policymakers.

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