



Monday, January 22, 2018

Dear CEF Members:

I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **Deal reached to fund government operations** – Just now, Senate Democrats accepted Majority Leader McConnell’s promise to bring legislation to the Senate floor to extend the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) protection for “DREAMers” in exchange for voting now to extend government funding through Thursday, February 8. Once passed by the House and the Senate and signed by the President, today’s funding bill would re-start full government operations, which ceased at midnight on Friday when government funding expired.
- **Budget deal still needed for full-year funding** – Once this immediate funding crisis is resolved, Congress still needs to agree on how much to raise the defense and non-defense discretionary (NDD) caps, and then enact that change into law with an omnibus appropriations package that funds government programs at the new levels. The only long-term alternative would be to enact a continuing resolution for the whole year that funds programs at last year’s levels minus a small across-the-board cut to get funding down to the fiscal year 2018 spending caps for defense and NDD, which are below those for FY 2017. Defense hawks are adamant that they want a sizeable defense increase, and others – with the strong backing of CEF – also insist on the need to raise NDD funding. As a reminder, the Senate did not pass any of the 12 FY 2018 funding bills while it waited for a budget deal with higher spending limits. Last year the House passed a package of all 12 spending bills that broke the defense cap and the provided \$5 billion below the NDD cap, including deep cuts to education funding.

II. CEF schedule and activities

- **CEF’s membership retreat this Friday, January 26** – CEF’s membership retreat on Friday, January 26, is your first of many opportunities to be involved in CEF’s advocacy, research, events, and membership activities this year. I’ll outline our new strategies for 2018 as well as our ongoing initiatives. After that, everyone will have a chance to join our four committees: Advocacy and Research, Hill Teams, Membership and Bylaws, and the Gala Committee. Each committee will have specific plans based on our strategic plan, including suggestions you made last fall. We encourage you to join and play a role where you are most interested – we rely on your participation and input to be successful.

- **“Education Budgeting 101” Hill briefing on Monday, January 29 (assuming government funding is restored)** – Our first big event of the year is a Hill briefing for education Legislative Assistants and CEF members covering how the budget and appropriations process works for education programs as well as an overview of how mandatory education spending is changed. We are excited to have a bipartisan panel featuring the House’s two education staffers on the Appropriations Labor-HHS-Education Subcommittee: Karyn Richman and Robin Juliano. We’ll also have an overview of the process from CEF’s Sarah Abernathy, and leave time for Q&A. The briefing is on Monday, January 29, from 10:30-noon in 1334 Longworth House Office Building. **Please RSVP [here](#).**
- **CEF’s upcoming schedule –**
 - **Friday, Jan 26, 9-noon:** CEF Membership retreat at AASCU, 1307 New York Ave, NW
 - **Monday, Jan 29, 10:30-noon:** Education Budgeting 101 Hill briefing, 1334 Longworth House Office Building. Presentations from both Democratic and Republican education staffers on the House Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee: Karyn Richman and Robin Juliano. All CEF members are invited.
 - **Friday, Feb. 2 – NO CEF MEETING**
 - **Friday, Feb. 9, 9-11am:** at AASCU, 1307 New York Ave, NW. Guest Speaker: Bryce McKibben, Senate HELP Committee Democratic staff.
 - **Friday, Feb. 16, 9-11am:** at AFSCME, 1625 L Street, NW, 1st floor conference room. Guest Speaker: Emily Slack, House Education and Workforce Committee Republican staff
 - **Friday, Feb. 23 – NO CEF MEETING (Congress is in recess)**

III. Events

- **NACAC e-learning course, “Financial Aid 101** – CEF Member the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) recently released its first e-learning course, Financial Aid 101. The course offers a comprehensive review of financial aid procedures and guidelines to professionals advising student about paying for college. More information is available [here](#).
- **COE webinar on “How Proposed Changes to TRIO Would Impact Your Institution” on January 23** – CEF member Council for Opportunity in Education (COE) is hosting a webinar entitled “How Proposed Changes to TRIO Would Impact Your Institution” for government relations professionals and other leaders of institutions that host Federal TRIO Programs. The webinar is on Tuesday, January 23, from 2-3:30pm eastern. To register, please visit <http://bit.ly/TRIOPROSPERACT>. If you have any questions, please contact Kimberly Jones at kimberly.jones@coenet.org or 202-347-7430.
- **ACTE briefing on “Perkins CTE and How Reauthorization Can Improve Programs” on January 23** – CEF member Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE), on behalf of the U.S. Senate Career and Technical Education Caucus, is holding a briefing to discuss how reauthorization of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act could improve CTE

programs. The briefing is on Tuesday, January 23, from 3-4pm in 430 Dirksen Senate Office Building. RSVP to Jarrod Nagurka at jnagurka@acteonline.org.

My best,

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