



Tuesday, February 27, 2018

Dear CEF Members:

## I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **FY 2018 appropriations action is all behind the scenes** – Congress has three and a half weeks to finalize and pass an omnibus package of fiscal year (FY) 2018 government funding bills, but as of now, all action is still behind the scenes. We do not expect that the revised funding totals for each of the 12 Appropriations Subcommittee bills – the 302(b) allocations – will be made public, but we’re hearing that several weeks after the agreement to significantly raise defense and non-defense discretionary (NDD) funding for FY 2018 and FY 2019, the Committee hasn’t reached full agreement on how much each subcommittee will get. Part of the disagreement appears to be the level of CHIMPS – Changes In Mandatory Programs that are cuts to mandatory spending programs that are then are used to offset additional discretionary spending. Last year’s budget resolution limited CHIMPS to \$17 billion, but if appropriators reduce the total, it lowers the total level of funding. This could affect the Labor-HHS-Education spending bill, which has many of the CHIMPS – the House-passed FY 2018 bill had almost \$6 billion, which in essence offset that amount of discretionary spending above the 302(b) allocation. The level of CHIMPS has always been a consideration when Congress set the caps on discretionary spending, so cutting CHIMPS now after a deal was struck on NDD spending means lower spending totals.
- **FY 2019 cycle starting** – Several House committees will meet this week to report out “Views and Estimates” letters outlining their funding priorities for the Budget Committee. It is possible but not certain that the House Budget Committee may mark up a FY 2019 budget resolution, but if it does, the resolution is not likely to go to the House floor for a vote. Democrats would not support it, and the many Republicans who opposed the higher spending limits in the budget deal earlier this month would not support a budget resolution reflecting those levels. The Senate Budget Committee is less likely to write a budget resolution, and since the FY 2019 discretionary spending levels are set and since the Senate does not plan to use reconciliation procedures this year, there is no pressing need to have a FY 2019 budget resolution.
- **State fact sheets on the President’s FY 2019 budget** – the Senate Budget Committee has created fact sheets listing the impact of the President’s FY 2019 budget on key programs for each state. They tabulate the budget’s effect on Head Start, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers, Direct Loans, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, along with other formula grants and entitlement programs. You can find the fact sheets [here](#).

## II. Advocacy

- **Hill meetings** – We have a Hill Teams meeting on Friday with the office of Senator Shelby, and meeting requests out to five other Republican members of the House and Senate Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee: Representatives Herrera Beutler, Simpson, and Womack, and Senators Lankford and Rubio. We will reach out to more offices, as we’re hoping to meet with as many as possible in this window while the Committee is finalizing FY 2018 bills and getting ready to turn to FY 2019. We will follow up with Hill Teams members to invite them to sign up to join on the visits. In addition, CEF officers have requested meetings with Congressional leadership offices to continue advocating for a high 302(b) allocation to the Subcommittee and then for the Committee to use some of that funding to increase education investments.

### III. CEF Events

- **Senate CTE Caucus briefing tomorrow** – CEF Member the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) is sponsoring a briefing of the U.S. Senate Career and Technical Education Caucus on “How Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act Can Better Reflect Today’s CTE Landscape” on Wednesday, February 28, from 1:30-2:30 in 430 Dirksen Senate Office Building. Please RSVP to Jarrod Nagurka at [jnagurka@acteonline.org](mailto:jnagurka@acteonline.org).
- **CEF’s upcoming schedule** –
  - **Friday, Mar. 2, 9-11am:** at AASCU, 1307 New York Ave, NW. Guest Speaker: TBD
  - **Friday, Mar. 9, 9-11am:** at AFT, 555 NJ Ave, NW, 4th floor. Guest Speaker: Farouk Ophaso, House Budget Committee Democratic staff.
  - **Friday, Mar. 16, 9-11am: Quarterly committee meetings,** at University of California, 1608 Rhode Island Ave, NW, auditorium.
  - **Friday, Mar. 23, 9-11am:** at AFSCME, 1625 L Street, NW, 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room. Guest Speakers: Eamonn Collins and Mark Ritacco, staff for Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT).

My best,

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## **U.S. Senate Career and Technical Education Caucus**

*to attend a briefing on*

# **How Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act Can Better Reflect Today's CTE Landscape**

The Higher Education Act (HEA) supports postsecondary institutions nationwide, including two- and four-year degree granting programs, as well as those that culminate in a certificate or other non-degree credential. Major components of the law include provisions on student financial assistance, teacher preparation and institutional accreditation. HEA was last authorized in 2008 and titled the "Higher Education Opportunity Act." The authorization period ended in 2013. Panelists will discuss HEA's impact on postsecondary CTE, and how the reauthorization process can better support today's high-quality CTE. The briefing will include an opportunity for audience Q&As.

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 28, 2018

**TIME:** 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

**LOCATION:** 430 Dirksen Senate Office Building



**Kimberly Green** ♦ Silver Spring, MD

*Ms. Green is a nationally recognized expert in CTE and currently serves as the executive director of Advance CTE: State Leaders Connecting Learning to Work. She will moderate the panel.*



**James Brown** ♦ Washington, DC

*Mr. Brown is a nuclear engineer by training and has worked on legislative issues on and off Capitol Hill. He currently serves as the executive director of the STEM Education Coalition.*



**Mitch Coppes** ♦ Alexandria, VA

*Mr. Coppes is the legislative and regulatory affairs manager for the Association for Career and Technical Education and previously worked in the House of Representatives.*



**Steven Partridge** ♦ Annandale, VA

*Mr. Partridge is the vice president of workforce development for Northern Virginia Community College. He previously served as president and CEO of Charlotte Works in North Carolina.*

Sen. Kaine, Sen. Portman, Sen. Baldwin, Sen. Young invited for remarks.

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