



Thursday, May 31, 2018

Dear CEF Members:

I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **Appropriations on tap when Congress returns next week** – Next week both the House and Senate will resume working on fiscal year (FY) 2019 appropriations bills.
 - **House:** The House Appropriations Committee has passed six of the 12 annual funding bills. The House plans to bring three of the bills (Energy and Water, Legislative Branch, and Military Construction-VA) to the floor together next week in one package. This “minibus” has a total of \$146.5 billion in funding (about 12% of total regular discretionary spending) and has \$111.9 billion in non-defense discretionary (NDD) funding (about 19% of total NDD funding for FY 2019).
 - **Senate:** The Senate is farther behind. The Senate Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee will hold a hearing with Education Secretary DeVos on Tuesday, June 5, at 10:15am in 124 Dirksen Senate Office Building. The Labor-HHS-Education bill is slated to be marked up in the Senate Appropriations Committee the week of June 25. To date, the Senate Appropriations has approved just two bills (Agriculture, and Energy and Water), and plans to mark up two more next week (Transportation-HUD, and Military Construction-VA).
- **House versus Senate FY 2019 levels** –The table below shows the allocations of regular discretionary funding that each Appropriations Committee has made for each of the twelve bills. The House includes an extra \$921 million that I believe is emergency funding for the Military Construction/VA bill, but I’ll look into it. I’ve highlighted in red the one bill where the [Senate allocation](#) is below the FY 2018 level, and the five bills where the Senate FY 2019 level is below the comparable House level. The House allocation freezes funding for the Labor-HHS-Education bill at the FY 2018 level, while the Senate provides an increase of \$2.2 billion.
- **NDD funding levels** – Many of the bills have both defense and non-defense discretionary (NDD) funding. The Senate publicized the level of NDD funding in each bill, but the House has not, so I don’t yet have totals for the bills that aren’t marked up yet. As shown in the table below, NDD will increase by \$18 billion (3.1%) from FY 2018 to FY 2019, of which the Senate Labor-HHS-Education bill gets an increase of \$2.2 billion (1.2%). That bill accounts for 31% of current spending, so a

proportional share of the \$18 billion increase in NDD would translate into a \$5.5 billion increase for Labor-HHS-Education for FY 2019. The House allocation freezes funding for this bill at the 2018 level.

- **CEF Job Board** – The job board on the member-only section of CEF’s website has many job announcements from CEF members, including two new ones:
 - **Council for Opportunity in Education**, Director of Congressional Affairs.
 - **Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities**, [Executive Assistant to the President of AJCU](#).
- **Reminder: nominate someone to honor at this year’s CEF Gala** – Please consider nominating a champion of education to receive an award at CEF’s annual gala on September 26. Past [awardees](#) comprise a bipartisan roster of those who have taken a lead in efforts to provide federal education funding, including Members of Congress from both parties, Administration officials, former staffers, as well as those working outside of government on initiatives that will help students and promote learning. We want awardees to represent the gamut of our members’ interests, and to help draw people to attend the gala, as well. I’ve attached a nomination form – please send nominations to Gala Committee co-chair Flannery Geoghegan at fgeogheg@usc.edu by June 15.

II. Events

- **Tuesday! CEF’s Education Funding Fair on June 5** – If you haven’t already, please RSVP and plan to attend CEF’s first Education Funding Fair on Tuesday, June 5, 5-7pm, in 902 Hart Senate Office Building. Sheryl’s Update from May 29 has lots of information about how you and your organization can participate. About 40 Hill staffers have RSVPed, and this is a great chance to network and display what CEF and its members do. In addition to CEF posters and information, we’ll have tables for CEF member materials representing the education continuum if you’d like to display handouts/materials that describe your organization or institution and its work. If you’d like to provide materials for the Fair, please contact CEF Advocacy and Research Committee co-chair Corey Williams at NEA at CWilliams@nea.org so we can plan.
- **CEF’s research briefing on June 15 on “Paying for College: What the Federal Investment means for Students and Universities”**– CEF’s first summer research briefing on “Paying for College: What the Federal Investment means for Students and Universities” will take the place of a regular Friday meeting on June 15, from 9-11am at the NEA (1201 16th ST NW, Chanin Auditorium). We’ll have our customary half hour for breakfast and networking with the briefing beginning at 9:30. Speakers are:
 - Justin Humphrey, Education Analyst, Congressional Budget Office
 - Caitlin Morris, Policy and Research Director, Young Invincibles
 - Jon Fansmith, Government Relations Director, American Council on Education

- *Moderator:* Stephen Payne, Assistant Director of Federal Relations, National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA)

- **CEF's upcoming schedule –**
 - **Tomorrow - Friday, June 1:** No CEF meeting (Congress is in recess).

 - **Tuesday, June 5, 5-7pm:** CEF Education Funding Fair, 902 Hart Senate Office Building. See above and attached flyer.

 - **Friday, June 8, 9-11am:** at AASCU, 1307 NY Ave, NW. Guest speaker: TBD.

 - **Friday, June 15, 9-11am:** CEF Research briefing on “Paying for College: What the Federal Investment means for Students and Universities,” at NEA, 1201 16th ST NW, Chanin Auditorium (B3). See above for details.

 - **Friday, June 22, 9-11am:** Quarterly Committee meetings at University of California, 1608 Rhode Island Ave, NW. Guest speaker: Brad Middleton, Education LA, Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) – note that he will speak at 9:30am.

 - **Friday, June 29, 9-11am:** at AASCU, 1307 NY Ave, NW. Guest speaker: Robin Juliano, House Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee Democratic staff.

 - **Friday, July 6:** No CEF meeting (Congress is in recess).

 - **Friday, July 13, 9-11am:** at AASCU, 1307 NY Ave, NW. Guest speaker: Rebecca Howard, LA, Senator Doug Jones (D-AL).

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