



Thursday, June 15, 2017

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Dear CEF Members:

I. Advocacy

- **More Hill Teams visits** – We are setting up CEF Hill visits for the next two weeks with the few Republicans on the Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Committees that we haven't yet reached, as well as some members of the Problem Solvers Caucus and the Tuesday Group. We will email the Hill Teams listserv as the meetings are scheduled so you can sign up to attend – we'll continue to bring someone from each part of the education continuum to each meeting.

II. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **Budget situation update** – Maybe there's some progress, and maybe there's not. The House Budget Committee has not announced a date to mark up the fiscal year 2018 budget resolution, but has said it might be as soon as Wednesday, June 21 (the Committee only needs to provide 3 days' notice).
- **Bipartisan support for more spending** - Meanwhile, Republican and Democratic appropriators continue to state that passing bills at the level of the sequester caps will be unlikely, difficult, or impossible.
 - **Senate Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee chair Roy Blunt (R-MO):** at a hearing today with Secretary Thomas Price on the HHS budget, speaking about the President's cuts to NIH and CDC: "I'm concerned about a path forward if we followed the request that the administration's made...Congress clearly is not a rubber stamp for the president's budget."

- **House Military Construction-VA Appropriations Subcommittee chair Charlie Dent (R-PA):** yesterday at a hearing with Treasury Secretary Stephen Mnuchin: “We ought to enter into a bipartisan budget agreement and tie that to the debt ceiling by the end of July...I suspect we would get a lot of bipartisan support.”
- **Senate Appropriations ranking member Patrick Leahy (D-VT):** at a hearing Wednesday with Defense Secretary James Mattis, on the need to increase the cap on nondefense spending along with cap on defense: “I don’t think we can set up a budget that says, ‘It’s either or’...we’ve got to look at both.”
- **IDEA Full Funding Act introduced** – Today, Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA) and Senators Jon Tester (D-MT) and Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) introduced the IDEA Full Funding Act, which provides mandatory funding that puts the federal government on a 7-year glide path to reach the commitment to provide 40% of the additional cost associated with educating students with special needs. Currently, the federal government appropriates funding that covers 15% of those additional costs. A number of CEF members cosigned a letter in support of the legislation.
- **CEF Board Member Ron Painter testifies before Congress today** – The National Association of Workforce Board’s CEO, Ron Painter, [testified today](#) before a House Education and the Workforce Subcommittee on the need for increased funding for job training. Workforce boards partner with community colleges, local industries, businesses, and others to design and fund workforce training programs, but federal funding has declined in recent years and is more sharply cut in the President’s 2018 budget.

III. CEF News and Calendar

- **CEF Gala 2017!**
 - **Sponsorship** – Thanks to all the early sponsors (listed above) of CEF’s annual gala! Our fundraising and planning is underway for the CEF Gala on October 3. We encourage you to sign up early to be a sponsor.
 - **Awardee nomination deadline extended to June 23** – Please think about people to nominate for an award who represent an aspect of our members’ interests, and who will help draw people to attend the gala. Past [awardees](#) are 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. Nominations on the attached form are due to [Gala Committee co-chair Kelly Vaillancourt](#) at kvallancourt@naspweb.org by Friday, June 23, 2017.

- **RSVP for release of CEF budget book on July 13** – Mark your calendars for July 13, 10am-noon, for the release of CEF’s annual budget response book. We’re putting together a great panel of practitioners representing the education continuum from our target states who will describe what federal funding means to learning in classrooms and elsewhere. The attached flyer has the specifics of the event – note that we’ll also distribute CEF’s 2017 directory then. Please RSVP to Janet Nice at Nice@cef.org.
- **CEF’s upcoming schedule** –
 - **Friday, June 16, 9-11 am:** Quarterly committee meeting (University of California, 1608 Rhode Island Ave, NW, 1st Floor Auditorium)
 - **Friday, June 23, 9-11 am:** CEF meeting (AASCU, 1307 NY Ave, NW). Guest speaker: Mary Cassell, OMB Education Branch chief, with education staffers
 - **Friday, June 30** – no CEF meeting (this is a change from the original calendar)
 - **Friday, July 7** – no CEF meeting
 - **Thursday, July 13, 10am-noon:** Release of CEF’s Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Analysis book, “Education Matters: Investing in America’s Future.” Room G11 Dirksen Senate Office Building (see attached flyer).
 - **Friday, July 14** – no CEF meeting (this is a change from the original calendar)

My best,

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You're Invited!

The Release of CEF's

"EDUCATION MATTERS: Investing in America's Future"

Featuring a Panel Discussion with Education Practitioners

Thursday, July 13, 2017

10 am - noon

Room G11 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Please RSVP to Janet Nice

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The Committee for Education Funding (CEF), a coalition of more than 110 education associations and institutions from preschool to postgraduate education, invites you to the release of our annual analysis of the President's budget and federal funding for education.

Education Matters provides useful information on the need to invest in education, details on federal education programs, and how these vital programs improve the lives of millions of Americans and benefit the economy.

Please join us to find out more about how the President's fiscal year 2018 budget would affect education programs and the lives of the students and educators they benefit.

Attendees will receive the Budget Response and CEF's 2017 Membership Directory

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Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Analysis



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