



Thursday, June 22, 2017

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National Council for Community and Education Partnerships; and National PTA/National Association for College Admission Counseling

Dear CEF Members:

I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **Lots of action possible next week** – Congress is not yet considering education funding for fiscal year (FY) 2018, but is taking steps that could lead to decisions.
 - **Senate health care repeal bill** – Earlier today I sent around links to the just-released Senate version of a bill to repeal and change parts of the Affordable Care Act. The Senate is planning to consider the bill under the reconciliation procedures created by the FY 2017 budget resolution. If a conference version of the bill eventually passes, Republican leadership will likely turn to work on a FY 2018 budget resolution (the existing reconciliation instructions would be overridden by a conference agreement on a new budget resolution).
 - **House FY 2018 budget resolution** – The House leadership appears likely to decide tomorrow whether to proceed as early as next week with a Budget Committee markup of a FY 2018 budget resolution. The plan may not provide enough defense spending or cut enough other spending to meet House Republican Conference approval. Committee chair Diane Black (R-TN) has [reportedly proposed](#) a budget that would raise defense spending by \$72.5 billion over the 2018 sequester cap level – President Trump's budget increased defense funding by \$54 billion, which is the amount needed to undo the sequester cut. It would cut nondefense discretionary (NDD) spending by

\$5 billion below the 2018 sequester cap level, to an amount that is \$7.5 billion below the 2017 enacted level. Other changes further limit NDD spending (\$2 billion less allowed for Changes in Mandatory Programs, or CHIMPS, that can offset extra discretionary spending, lower receipts), and if funding increases for veterans' health care, health research, and border security as is likely, that leaves far less for remaining NDD priorities such as education. The plan would include new reconciliation instructions to ease passage of tax reform and \$150 billion in cuts to mandatory spending over ten years.

- **House Appropriations Subcommittee markups** – Despite not knowing how much Congress wants to spend for defense and NDD for 2018, two more House Appropriations subcommittees are marking up their bills. The Legislative Branch bill will be [marked up tomorrow](#) at 10am, and the Defense bill will be marked up on June 26 at 7pm (the markup is closed and will not be webcast). As bills are marked up, we'll see how their top line compares with last year, which gives a sense of what's remaining for the Labor-HHS-Education bill and the other NDD bills.
- **House passes Perkins/CTE reauthorization** – In a sign of its popularity, a bill reauthorizing the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 was passed by voice vote on the House floor under suspension of the rules, which requires a 2/3 vote to pass. H.R. 2353, the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act was introduced last month by Rep. Glenn Thompson (R-PA). It is similar to a bill that the House overwhelmingly passed last year, but which ran into a roadblock in the Senate.
- **Poll shows public support for investing in early education** – First Five Years Fund has released a [poll](#) showing strong support for investments in early childhood education and child care. Almost 60% of those polled thought Congress was not paying enough attention to early childhood education, and a vast majority want greater investments that increase affordability of high quality early childhood education and child care.

II. CEF News and Calendar

- **CEF Gala 2017!**
 - **Awardee nomination deadline is tomorrow** – This is your last chance to nominate someone for an award at CEF's 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 tomorrow to Gala Committee co-chair Kelly Vaillancourt at kvallancourt@naspweb.org.

- **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.

- **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 23, 9-11 am:** CEF meeting (AASCU, 1307 NY Ave, NW). Guest speaker: Mary Cassell, OMB Education Branch chief
 - **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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COMMITTEE FOR
EDUCATION FUNDING

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

COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION FUNDING

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EDUCATION MATTERS:

Investing in America's Future

Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Analysis



July 2017

Committee for Education Funding
Gala 2017 Award Nomination Form

Deadline Extended: Due by COB on June 23, 2017, to Kelly Vaillancourt
Email: kvaillancourt@naspweb.org

Questions? Ask the Gala Committee co-chairs:
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CEF Member Name: _____

Organization: _____

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Award Nominee (Name & Title): _____

CEF Award Nomination (please mark one box):

Lifetime And Career Awards

	The Edward M. Kennedy Lifetime Advocacy Award: For demonstrating extraordinary advocacy on behalf of our nation's children and students
	The Terrell H. Bell Award: For outstanding advocacy of education as a congressional and national priority
	The James O'Hara Award: For life-long commitment in support of education and for outstanding leadership in advocating education as a congressional and national priority
	Richard W. Riley Award: For a career of exemplary support of better education for all

115th Congress Awards

	The William H. Natcher Award: For distinguished services during this session of Congress in elevating the priority for education funding to ensure better opportunities for our nation's citizens
	Outstanding New Member Award: For demonstrating commitment to our nation's students by advocating education as an investment in the future
	Special Recognition Award: For outstanding dedication to the success of America's students and for making education a national priority

Citizen and Staff Awards

	Charles Wilson Lee Citizen Service Award
	Staff Recognition Award

Summary Statement:

Please describe why you believe your nominee should receive an award. The Board of Directors will consider this statement in recommending a slate of awardees for approval by CEF's membership. Attach additional sheets if necessary.
