



Monday, June 26, 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**

- **House has a plan but not a budget** – House Republicans on Friday declined to set a date this week for the Budget Committee to mark up a fiscal year 2018 budget resolution, but nonetheless appear to have decided to have reached a tentative decision on the level of nondefense discretionary (NDD) funding for the year. As shown in the attached chart, the proposed FY 2018 NDD level of \$511 billion is almost \$8 billion below the FY 2017 enacted level and \$5 billion below the austerity-level sequester cap, but is \$49 billion above the level in the President's FY 2018 budget. In contrast, defense spending would increase, although Republicans have not agreed by how much: some want a level of \$622 but defense hawks want even more. Any level above the \$549 billion sequester cap level requires changing the Budget Control Act cap, but presumably bills that pass with those levels imply that Congress has the votes to change the Budget Control Act.
- House Budget Committee Chair Diane Black (R-TN) wanted the Committee to mark up a budget resolution at these levels this week, but a markup hasn't been scheduled

and at this point seems unlikely. Meanwhile, three House Appropriations subcommittees are scheduled to mark up their spending bills this week.

- Defense will be marked up tonight at 7pm (the markup is closed and will not be webcast).
- Agriculture will be marked up Wednesday, June 28, at 10am.
- Energy and Water will be marked up at Wednesday, June 28, at 11am.

The Military Construction/Veterans and the Legislative Branch subcommittees have already marked up their FY 2018 bills. Full Appropriations Committee action has not yet been scheduled. Keep in mind that the Labor-HHS-Education bill usually is the last to be considered.

- **NASFAA Budget Effect Estimator** – CEF member the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA) just launched a new tool to aid student aid advocates. Its [Budget Effect Estimator \(BEE\)](#) simulates how President Trump’s cuts to student aid would affect individual institutions, showing how much of each type of aid each would lose.
- **NEA letter opposing elimination of Public Service Loan Forgiveness** – CEF member the National Education Association (NEA) and the International Association of Firefighters are circulating the attached sign-on letter to Congress urging opposition to the President’s budget proposal to eliminate Public Service Loan Forgiveness. If you’d like to join in signing, please contact please contact Heather Valentine at [hvalentine@nea.org](mailto:hvalentine@nea.org) by July 6.

## II. Events

- **Reminder - NDD United Town Hall on Friday, June 30** –NDD United is holding a town hall Friday morning (CEF is not having a meeting that morning). It will feature Rep. Mike Simpson (R-ID), chair of the House Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee, who is also a member of the Labor-HHS-Education Subcommittee. The space will fill up, so RSVP [here](#) if you’d like to attend. The town hall is on June 30 from 9-10:30am at the Association of American Medical Colleges, 655 K ST, NW.
- **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](mailto:Nice@cef.org).
- **CEF day at the Nationals baseball game on July 26** – Carolyn Henrich and Carl Welliver at University of California are organizing a CEF outing to see the Washington Nationals take on the Milwaukee Brewers on July 26 at 7:05pm. You and your friends, family, and current and former CEF colleagues are welcome to join the group. Tickets cost \$32 each (the price will drop to \$29 if the group is at least

25). If you want to buy tickets, please email either [Carl.Welliver@ucdc.edu](mailto:Carl.Welliver@ucdc.edu) or [Carolyn.Henrich@ucdc.edu](mailto:Carolyn.Henrich@ucdc.edu).

- **CEF's upcoming schedule –**
  - **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 for info and to RSVP).
  - **Friday, July 21, 9-11 am:** CEF meeting (AFSCME, 1625 L ST, NW, 1<sup>st</sup> floor auditorium). Guest speaker: TBD
  - **Friday, July 28, 9-11 am:** last CEF Friday meeting before the summer congressional recess (AASCU, 1307 NY Ave, NW). Guest speaker: TBD

My best,

Sheryl

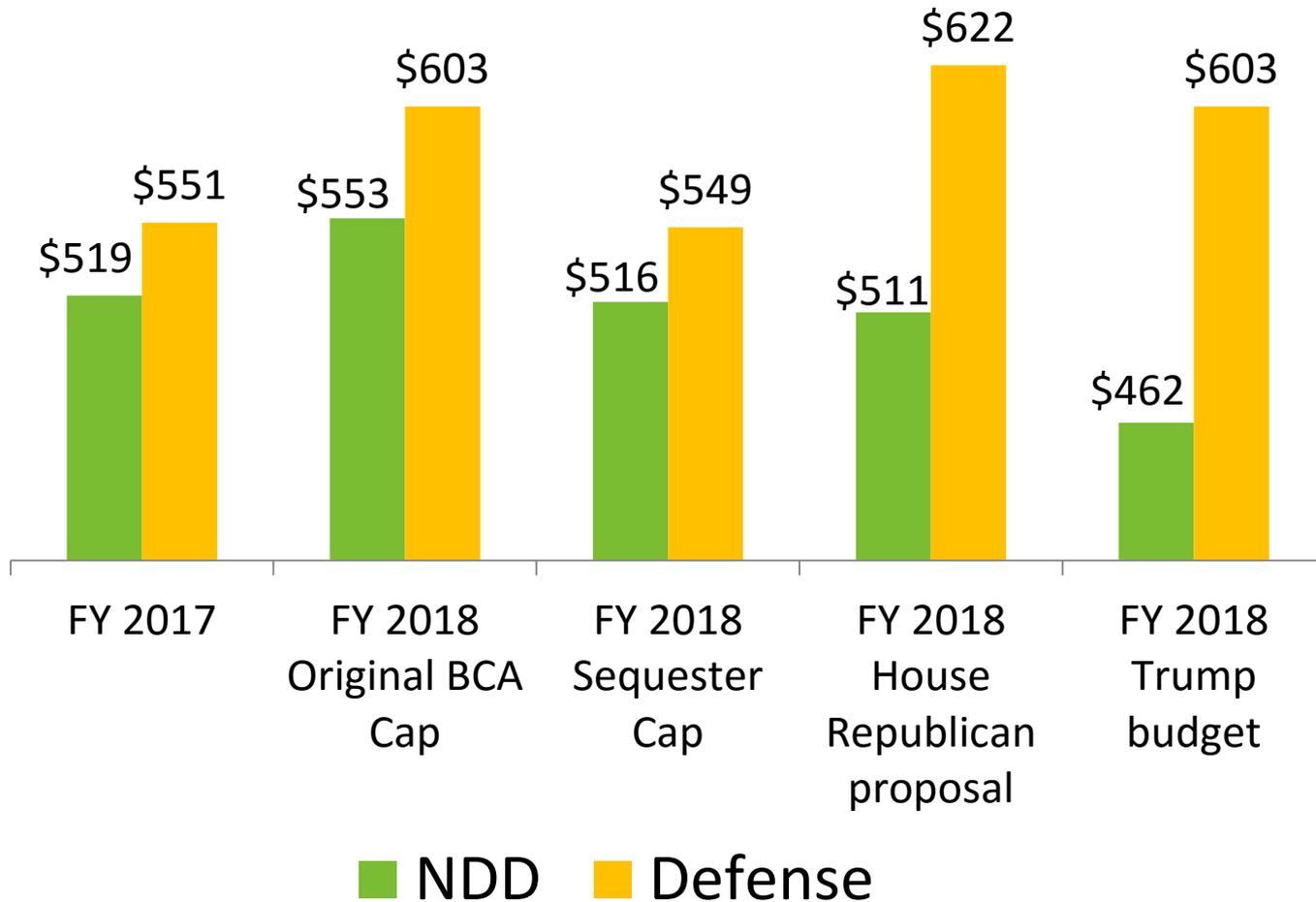
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# POSSIBLE FY 2018 NONDEFENSE DISCRETIONARY (NDD) AND DEFENSE LEVELS

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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

[nice@cef.org](mailto:nice@cef.org)

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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### EDUCATION MATTERS:

*Investing in America's Future*

Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Analysis



July 2017

[date]

United States Congress  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator/Representative:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we urge you to oppose eliminating the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program as the Trump/DeVos fiscal year 2018 education budget proposal would do.

Part of the bipartisan College Cost Reduction Act of 2007, PSLF was created to encourage talented people to pursue careers as educators, firefighters, nurses, public defenders, and other forms of public service that typically pay less than private sector careers. As a result, it can be difficult to attract qualified people, especially in underserved rural, urban, and tribal communities.

Under PSLF, federal student debt is wiped away after 120 on-time, qualifying monthly payments — 10 years' worth of payments. The numbers tell the story of the program's success: more than half a million people have enrolled over the last decade.

Loan forgiveness not only makes public service affordable, it demonstrates that America values the skills and commitment of the people who provide essential public services. Without PSLF, community life all across America would suffer. We urge you to build on the success of this vitally important program, not eliminate it.

Thank you for considering our views.