



Friday, July 7, 2017

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Dear CEF Members:

I. Advocacy - Budget Book event next week

- **This is going to be great!** – We are excited about the budget book and the event the Advocacy and Research Committee has planned for its release next week. Thanks to a tremendous amount of hard and good work by so many of you, the book itself will – as always – be a great resource for Hill staff, the media, and the education advocacy community. This year, in addition to providing the book and the directory of CEF members, we'll be hearing from people working in education, from early education through post-secondary education, workforce training, and educational enhancements including the PTA. CEF members have lined up great speakers for a panel to highlight the importance of federal education investments and the impact of the President's FY 2018 budget on teaching and learning. The panelists are:
 - Phyllis Wolfram, Executive Director of Special Programs for Springfield Public Schools, Springfield, MO, and President-Elect, Council of Administrators of Special Education
 - Deborah Akers, Superintendent, Mercer County Schools, Mercer County, WV
 - Heather Boutell, Director of Financial Aid, Bellarmine University, Louisville, KY

- Jan McKeel, Executive Director, South Central TN Workforce Alliance, Spring Hill, TN
- Rose Acerra, President, New Jersey PTA
- **Please RSVP to attend** – We hope everyone will be able to attend the event on July 13, 10am-noon, in room G11 Dirksen Senate Office Building - the attached flyer includes all the specifics. If you haven't already, please RSVP to Janet Nice at Nice@cef.org.
- **Budget books and 2017 CEF Directory available next week** – For those in DC, you can pick up your own budget book and directory at the ACG offices next week, starting on Wednesday, July 12. (We'll mail books to the CEF members based elsewhere, of course.) We are at 1800 M Street, NW, Suite 500 South Tower, Washington, DC 20036. If you know when you're going to come get your books, please email Janet at Nice@cef.org in advance and we'll have your name at the lobby desk (otherwise, the officer can call up to provide clearance for the elevator).
- **Your help delivering Budget Books to Hill offices** – As in the past, CEF is requesting your legwork to help deliver budget books and CEF directories to targeted Hill offices after our event on Thursday (deliveries don't have to be completed that day, but should be in the following few days). We provide these materials to all Members of the Education and the Workforce and the HELP Committees, House and Senate Budget Committees, House and Senate Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee, and to Leadership staff. The assignments are organized by building and floor – there are separate tabs for House and Senate - and most involve no more than 9 offices. If you can deliver some of the books, please sign up at the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ysJu15nyoeR8CVv50mayqGRFVknOXVg3CUyPW89q89w/edit?usp=sharing>

II. What we're hearing

- **Labor-HHS-Education appropriations markup?** – There's no official announcement of a markup, but we're hearing that the House Appropriations Committee is planning markups of spending bills on July 12, 13, 17, 18, and 19. There are four bills already approved by Subcommittees, so that means at least one more subcommittee will be marking up in the next two weeks. Traditionally, the Labor-HHS-Education bill is among the last to move, but if the House Leadership wants all 12 bills to come to the House floor before August, we're likely to see a subcommittee markup next week or the week of July 17. The Committee has been releasing the text of their bills the day before the Subcommittee markups.
- **Budget resolution markup next week?** – House Budget Committee chair Diane Black (R-TN) is hopeful that her committee will mark up a fiscal year 2018 budget resolution next week. A [CQ Roll Call article](#) does not mention the chances that the

budget would be approved by the full House, however, where some Republicans want more spending cuts and some want less.

III. Events

- **CEF's July 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, 1st floor auditorium). Guest speaker: TBD
 - **Friday, July 28, 9-11 am:** last CEF meeting before the congressional recess (AASCU, 1307 NY Ave, NW). Guest speaker: TBD

My best,

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The Release of CEF's

"EDUCATION MATTERS: Investing in America's Future"

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10 am - noon

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The Committee for Education Funding (CEF), a coalition of 120 national 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 extremely 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.

