



Monday, July 23, 2018

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Dear CEF Members:

I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **Appropriations status and action** – On Wednesday at 10am, the House Appropriations Committee will mark up its fiscal year (FY) 2019 [Homeland Security funding bill](#) – the only government funding bill it hasn't yet considered. Last week the House passed a two-bill package consisting of the Interior and the Financial Services appropriations bills. In all, the House has passed six of the twelve government funding bills and has no plans to take up additional bills this week, which is the last before it recesses for the summer. That means the House will not debate the Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill until at least September. Meanwhile the Senate is planning to package and debate four appropriations bills this week, adding its Agriculture and Transportation-HUD bills to its versions of the two bills the House passed last week. If passed, that would bring the Senate's total to seven bills, but the Senate has more opportunity to bring up other bills as it will be in session next week, and then after a one-week recess it will return to session on August 13. Some Senators have discussed packaging the Defense and the Labor-HHS-Education bill together, but that isn't decided (the House has already passed its Defense funding bill). All told, both chambers may have passed different versions of about half the government funding bills by the end of the summer, leaving a lot of work to be done before the beginning of the fiscal year on October 1, and making it likely that Congress will need to enact a short-term extension of funding into the new fiscal year. That outcome has seemed likely since this spring.
- **President's Executive Order establishing a National Council for the American Worker** – The text of the President's executive order creating a National Council for the American Worker is now available [here](#). Some of the order's principles highlight education, as excerpted below:

- **Section 1. Purpose.** ...The rapidly changing digital economy requires the United States to view education and training as encompassing more than a single period of time in a traditional classroom. We need to prepare Americans for the 21st century economy and the emerging industries of the future. We must foster an environment of lifelong learning and skills-based training, and cultivate a demand-driven approach to workforce development. My Administration will champion effective, results-driven education and training so that American students and workers can obtain the skills they need to succeed in the jobs of today and of the future.

- **Sec. 2. Policy.** It shall be the policy of the executive branch to work with private employers, educational institutions, labor unions, other non-profit organizations, and State, territorial, tribal, and local governments to update and reshape our education and job training landscape so that it better meets the needs of American students, workers, and businesses.

II. Advocacy

- **#HearOurEdStories social media campaign** – CEF’s initiative to have people tell Members of Congress why federal education funding matters to them has garnered more videos in recent weeks thanks to CEF members who have highlighted the campaign at their conferences and people who took part in our Hill advocacy day last week. You can see the videos on Twitter by searching “#HearOurEdStories.” We encourage you to continue sharing the [social media toolkit](#) within your organizations and with your grassroots, and are happy to provide technical assistance if you want to set up a station at a conference where people can record their education story to share.

III. Events

- **Senate CTE Caucus briefing on Agricultural Education and the National FFA organization tomorrow** – CEF member the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) is cosponsoring the Senate CTE Caucus briefing on agricultural education featuring presentations from state and national FFA organizations. The briefing is on Tuesday, July 24, from noon to 1pm in 188 Russell Senate Office Building. Details and the RSVP form are [here](#).

- **Advance CTE briefing on Expanding Access to High-quality CTE in Rural Communities on July 26** – CEF Member Advance CTE and the Congressional Career and Technical Education Caucus are holding a briefing improving the delivery of high-quality rural CTE. The briefing is on Thursday, July 26, 10-11am in 2168 Rayburn House Office Building. Details and the RSVP form are [here](#).

- **CEF’s summer research briefings** – In the place of Friday meetings during the Congressional August recess, CEF will hold two research briefings:
 - **Thursday, August 9, 10-11:30am: “Career Technical Education (CTE) Across the Education Continuum”** at University of California, 1608 Rhode Island Ave, NW.

- Corrine Alfeld, Research Analyst, National Center for Education Research (NCER) at the U.S. Department of Education's Institute of Education Sciences (IES)
 - Crystal Bridgeman, Senior Director of Workforce Development Programs, Siemens Foundations
 - *Moderator : Kathryn Zekus, Senior Associate, Federal Policy, Advance CTE*
- **Thursday, August 23, 10-11:30: “Paying for College: What the Federal Investment Means for Students and Universities”** at AACTE, 1307 New York Ave, NW, auditorium:
 - 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 Gala 2018 sponsorship** – Thanks to the early sponsors (listed above) of CEF's annual gala on Wednesday, September 26, at Union Station! This is our annual gathering of the education community, when we come together to not only have fun but also honor the commitment of those working to support the nation’s students by increasing the federal investment in education. A ticket to the Gala also includes attendance at the legislative conference in the morning. The gala is also a fundraiser for CEF, and we encourage you to sign up early to be a sponsor. You can do so by contacting CEF directly, or you can purchase a sponsorship or individual tickets directly on our website [here](#). You can also find information about the benefits of each sponsorship category [here](#).
- **CEF’s upcoming schedule –**
 - **Friday, July 27, 9-11am:** at AFSCME, 1625 L ST, NW, conference room. Guest speaker: Moira Lenehan-Razzuri, LA, Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI). **Please [RSVP here](#) so we can provide an attendance list to the security desk.**
 - **Friday, August 3, 9-11am:** at University of California, 1608 Rhode Island Ave, NW, auditorium. Guest speaker: Vincent Sarubbi, LA, Rep. Donald Norcross (D-NJ).
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- **Friday, Sept. 7**, at AFSCME, 1625 L ST, NW, conference room. Guest speaker: TBD.

My best,

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