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**You can register for the gala [here](#)**

Dear CEF Members:

**I. Policy Intelligence and Education News**

- **House floor consideration of FY 2018 omnibus package** – Yesterday the House considered and voted on a number of amendments to the first four of the eight “non-security” FY 2018 appropriations bills under consideration this week (there were 118 amendments to consider). Last night the House Rules Committee issued [a rule allowing for another 224 amendments](#), of which 59 are to the Labor-HHS-Education part of the bill (Division F). The amendments will be considered in order and may be pulled together into en bloc amendments for votes. The education and workforce-related amendments are listed below (note that amendments 133, 168, 169, and 174 reduce funding while the others add funding):

**#131, Rep. Kildee** – provides \$10 million more for Youth Employment

**#132, Rep. B. Lee et al** – provides \$16 million more for Job Corp

**#133, Rep. Mitchell** – cuts general administrative and departmental salary and expense accounts in Division F (the Labor-HHS-Education bill)

**#140, Rep. Bonamici et al** – increases funding for women apprenticeship grants

**#161, Rep. DeLauro et al** – restores funding to 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (cut by \$192 million in the bill), paid for by offsetting cuts in Department of Education program administration funds

**#162, Reps. Bonamici and Costello** – provides \$8.9 million more for Title I State Assessment grants

**#163, Rep. Bonamici et al** – provides an additional \$1.15 billion for Title IV-A Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants (the bill provides \$500 million)

**#164, Rep. Courtney** – increases funding for magnet schools by \$1.2 million, paid for by offsetting cuts in charter schools

**#165, Rep. Grijalva** – increases funding for English Language Acquisition by \$62.6 million (the bill freezes funds at current levels)

**#166, Reps. DeSaulnier and G. Thompson** – provides \$10 million for Statewide Family Engagement Centers

**#167, Rep. J. Lewis et al** – Increases funding for career and technical state grants by \$70.2 million (the bill freezes funds at current levels)

**#168, Rep. Grothman** – reduces by 2% the funding for the Department of Education's program administration, Office of the Inspector General, and student aid administration

**#169, Rep. F. Rooney** – reduces funding for the Institute of Education Sciences by \$195 million

**#174, Rep. Blackburn** – cuts all funding by 1% in Division F (the Labor-HHS-Education bill)

- **Senate Labor-HHS-Education markup today** – Today the Senate Appropriations Committee will mark up its FY 2018 education funding bill at a meeting starting at 10:30am in 106 Dirksen Senate Office Building. The Committee will first consider the State-Foreign Operations bill, and then turn to the Labor-HHS-Education bill. We

will share information about education-related amendments and final funding levels as soon as we have it.

## II. CEF Hill Day and Gala (October 3, 2017)

- **CEF Hill day on October 3** – To take full advantage of having so many CEF members and guests already on the Hill, we're organizing a short CEF Hill Day between the morning legislative conference and the gala in the evening. [From 11am – 2pm, groups of CEF members will be provided with CEF's advocacy materials and a CEF t-shirt for visibility as they meet with targeted Hill offices.](#) We encourage you to include any people who are coming to DC for the day, and will try to match constituents with their Member of Congress where applicable. We'll work out the logistics of how we arrange the meetings once we see the level of interest. Please sign up at the link below to participate in the Hill day:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1K0OjCyAdu\\_gZJHk0WF7cWMbXkmnh0OLcnklGnv4GVbE/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1K0OjCyAdu_gZJHk0WF7cWMbXkmnh0OLcnklGnv4GVbE/edit?usp=sharing)

- **Gala Awardees:** We are pleased to be honoring Senator Roy Blunt (R-MO), Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR), and Senator Jack Reed (D-RI) with CEF awards at the Gala.
- **Gala sponsorships and tickets** – Thanks to the many organizations listed above who have already sponsored CEF's gala! If you'd like more information about sponsoring the Gala and the benefits that come with each sponsorship option, please contact me ([Cohen@cef.org](mailto:Cohen@cef.org)). As a reminder, this year we are having a longer reception with a buffet in Union Station's Palm Court to maximize time for networking/socializing among the education community, followed by a seated awards ceremony in the East Hall and then coffee and dessert – with the promise to wrap up by 9 pm. You can purchase individual gala tickets or a sponsorship [directly on CEF's website](#) through CVENT, or you can contact any of the CEF staff for information or to buy tickets.
- **Hill/Administration staff guests** – As in the past, you may buy tickets for Hill staff that you'd like CEF to invite to join you at the gala; those staffers will be seated with you for the awards presentation. As the sponsor of the event, CEF must issue the invitation to Hill and Administration staff on your behalf. Please send the name, office, and email address of the staffers you'd like us to invite to Kate Gillespie ([rsvp@cef.org](mailto:rsvp@cef.org)). Once we invite the staffers, we'll keep you informed of all responses and we encourage you to follow up with the staffers directly.

## III. Events

- **Tomorrow - Friday, Sept. 8, 9-11 am:** CEF Friday meeting (AACTE, 1307 NY Ave, NW). Guest speaker: Alicia Molt-West, Deputy Chief of Staff, Rep. Mark Pocan (D-WI)
- **Joint statement in support of public education** - AASA, The School Superintendents Association, the American Federation of Teachers, the National Association of Elementary School Principals, the National Association of Secondary Principals, and the National Education Association issued a joint statement in support of public education, and call on other national education associations to [sign on](#) in support. The groups will use the statement to highlight the broad, diverse support that exists for the nation's public schools as part of their advocacy efforts and as part of AASA's broader year-long '[I Love Public Education](#)' campaign. Please contact [Noelle Ellerson Ng](#) if you or a state or local association are interested in supporting this statement.

My best,

Sheryl

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