



Wednesday, January 18, 2017

Dear CEF Members:

I. Advocacy

- **Congressional Committee rosters nearly complete** – Committee rosters are nearly complete for House and Senate Appropriations and Budget Committees and the Senate HELP and House Education and the Workforce Committees (House Democrats still have a few more appointments to make). The attached list of these six committees' membership as of today highlights the members who are new to the committees. Our Hill Teams will be targeting these members first, along with Leadership on both sides of the aisle.

II. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **Betsy DeVos confirmation hearing notes** – Last night the Senate HELP Committee held its [hearing](#) on the nomination of Betsy DeVos to serve as Secretary of Education. Democrats asked a number of pointed questions about her views on various federal education policies, while Republicans defended her as a champion of education reform. Attached is a summary put together by ACG's Owen Reilly that highlights some of the main points made during the hearing.
- **Mick Mulvaney confirmation hearings for OMB Director scheduled** – The Senate has scheduled hearings for January 24 on the nomination of Rep. Mick Mulvaney (R-SC) to be director of the Office of Management and Budget. He will appear before both the Senate Budget Committee and the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. The OMB director has enormous influence on the spending decisions in the President's budget request, and Rep. Mulvaney has been an outspoken opponent of government spending.

III. Events

- **Briefing: Infrastructure and CTE** – The US Senate Career and Technical Education Caucus is sponsoring a briefing on how federal policy can support the intersection of infrastructure and CTE. The briefing is on January 24 in 385 Russell Senate Office Building from 1:30-2:30pm. See the attached flyer or click [here](#) for more information, and rsvp to Jarrod Nagurka at jnagurka@acteonline.org.
- **CLASP webinar: Serving Low-Income Adult Students with State Financial Aid** – The Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) and Education Commission for the States are holding a webinar to address challenges and discuss opportunities around state financial aid programs and their accessibility to adult learners. The webinar is on Thursday, January 26, 1-2pm. More information and registration is [here](#).
- **CEF Members retreat on Friday, January 27** – Don't forget to mark your calendars for our upcoming members' retreat, where you can hear about CEF committees' plans for the year and join the ones that most interest you. Speakers still to be announced. The retreat is Friday, January 27, 8:45am-1pm at the University of California (1608 Rhode Island Ave, NW, 1st Floor Auditorium).

My best,

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