



Tuesday, January 24, 2017

Dear CEF Members:

I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **Trump issues freeze on all regulatory actions** – In one of the first official actions on Friday, the Trump administration issued a memorandum asking all federal agency heads to stop advancing all regulations that have not yet been published in the Federal Register, and to postpone for 60 days enactment of all published regulations that are not yet in effect. The regulatory pause applies to the accountability rule under ESSA, and also appears to apply to borrower defense-to-repayment regulations and teacher preparation regulations, both of which have an effective date in July 2017. Previous administrations have issued similar regulatory freezes in the past.
- **Senate HELP Committee announces delay on DeVos vote** – As Democrats continue to argue that they haven't had enough time to review Education Secretary nominee Betsy DeVos' ethics paperwork, Chairman Lamar Alexander (R-TN) has announced that the HELP Committee's vote on DeVos' nomination will be pushed back to Tuesday, January 31st at 10 am. The vote was scheduled to occur this Tuesday. Senate Democrats are also continuing to push for another hearing on the nomination, but a spokesperson from Chairman Alexander's office stated that only one hearing will be held.
- **Mulvaney hearings on Tuesday** - Rep. Mick Mulvaney (R-SC) is scheduled to testify before the Senate Budget Committee and Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee on Tuesday, January 24, on his nomination to be director of the Office of Management and Budget. The Budget Committee hearing is at 10:30 am, while the HSGAC hearing is scheduled at 2:30 pm. CEF will be monitoring both hearings.

II. Events

- **CEF members' retreat this Friday, January 27** – Please make an effort to attend our upcoming members' retreat. This is your chance to help set plans for CEF activities for this year and join the committees that will implement them. Speakers still to be announced. The retreat is Friday, January 27, 8:45am-1pm at the University of California (1608 Rhode Island Ave, NW, in the multipurpose room behind the guard desk, not in the auditorium).
- **Briefing today: 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 tomorrow, January 24 in 385 Russell Senate Office Building from 1:30-2:30pm. 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](#).

My best,

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