



Tuesday, March 7, 2017

Dear CEF Members:

I. Advocacy

- **House Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations testimony for the record** – CEF is working on a statement to submit for the record to the House Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee about the FY 2018 funding bill. Individual CEF members can submit their own testimony, as well. The deadline is tomorrow, and instructions are posted [here](#).
- **CEF website members' log in** – Starting on Thursday, CEF members who have turned in their 2017 membership renewal forms can register on CEF's new website for a member log-in on the "Member Area." That section has information for members only – copies of the emailed Updates, the CEF calendar of events, list of contacts for CEF members, a job board, and more still to come. Please turn in your 2017 renewal forms if you haven't already!

II. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **President's "skinny budget" expected next week** – The Trump Administration is expected to submit an outline of just its requested discretionary spending for Fiscal Year 2018 sometime next week, likely on Thursday. Discretionary spending accounts for less than one-third of the federal budget, so without knowing the Administration's plans for mandatory spending – for entitlement benefits such as Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid – and revenues, the skinny budget won't give a full picture of the President's budget and deficit plans. He has already announced that his budget will increase defense discretionary spending for fiscal year 2018 by \$54 billion above the spending cap in law, with offsetting cuts in non-defense discretionary programs. We'll know more about how this affects education programs next week.

III. Events

- **CEF schedule for the rest of March** –
 - **Friday, March 10, 9-11am:** CEF meeting (NCSDAE, Hall of States, 444 N. Capitol St, NW, Room 333). Guest speaker in flux- stay tuned.

- **Friday, March 17, 9-11am: recently added** – CEF meeting (AFSCME, 1625 L St NW, 1st Floor Board Room). Review of President's budget outline.
- **Friday, March 24, 9-11am:** Quarterly meeting (AFT, 555 NJ Ave, NW, 4th floor)
- **Friday, March 31, 9-11am:** CEF meeting (AASCU, 1307 NY Ave, NW). Guest speakers: Democratic staff of the House Education and the Workforce Committee.

My best,

Sheryl

Sheryl V. Cohen, Executive Director



1800 M Street, NW
Suite 500 South
Washington, DC 20036
T: 202-327-8125
cohen@cef.org
www.cef.org