



## **Committee for Education Funding (CEF) statement on the President's proposed cuts to federal education investments**

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### **“We should be investing in education, not cutting federal support”**

**Washington, DC** – Sheryl V. Cohen, Executive Director of the Committee for Education Funding (CEF), issued the following statement on the President's education budget request for fiscal year 2018. CEF, the nation's oldest and largest education coalition, is a non-partisan, non-profit organization that reflects the broad spectrum of the education community from early childhood education, elementary and secondary education, and higher education, to adult and workforce education including students, teachers and faculty, parents, administrators, specialized instructional support personnel, librarians, other school personnel, and school board members.

“The President's budget slashes federal investments in education by \$9 billion (13 percent), hurting students in the short term and slowing the nation's economic growth in the long term. Fiscal constraints require investments that show great returns – and investing in education does just that by helping students learn and succeed, creating a future workforce that is globally competitive, and lowering the costs to society that occur when we fail to adequately educate and create opportunity for all our children.”

“Education funding is already low – Congress has eliminated 50 education programs since 2010, and federal education spending is now below the 2010 level excluding Pell grants. In fact, we spend only two cents of every federal dollar on education even though we know education investments pay dividends.”

“The President's budget should continue the government's efforts to ensure all students have access to high-quality public schools and affordable higher education. The budget should increase federal investments in education, which boost the economy, help students, and make the nation stronger.”

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