



Monday, March 26, 2018

Dear CEF Members:

I. CEF Events and Information

- **Please review CEF's 2018 membership directory** – Please review your organization's entry in the attached draft of CEF's 2018 member directory to ensure all the information is correct, and [email Claire Shanklin at Shanklin@cef.org](mailto:Shanklin@cef.org) by COB Thursday with any edits or changes. It should reflect the information on your 2018 membership renewal form. We will publish CEF's 2018 member directory with our analysis of the President's 2019 budget next month – it's a handy resource for both Hill staffers and CEF members!
- **CEF in the news** – Last week CEF was quoted in several news stories commenting on Congress's action to increase funding across the education continuum for fiscal year 2018.
 - **Breitbart News** – Carried the [statement of CEF Executive Director Sheryl Cohen](#) in full.
 - **CNN** – [An article](#) about Congress blocking the Administration's education agenda also quoted Sheryl.
 - **EdWeek** – [Politics K-12 blog](#) included my quote that CEF was “pleased there was not an area that was ignored” in terms of increased education investments, but that “we're not going to stop pushing for more.”
 - **Politico's Morning Edition** – The [March 22 edition](#) included Sheryl's quote that “after almost a decade of virtually stagnant federal funding for education, Congress has produced a fiscal year 2018 appropriations package that provides real increases for education.”
 - **The 74** – Before Congress released the omnibus funding bill, a March 16 article in “[the 74](#)” cited a CEF chart on education funding over time showing that the FY 2017 funding for the Department of Education excluding Pell Grants was below the FY 2010 level.
- **CEF's budget book release on Thursday, April 26**– CEF members are [invited to a Hill briefing with Congressional education staffers to release our budget book on Thursday, April 26, 10am-noon in 124 Dirksen Senate Office Building](#). Working with our Advocacy and Research Committee, we are reaching out to CEF members to help identify education practitioners from across the continuum in our target states to invite to the briefing. More details to follow as we confirm our speakers. Please RSVP to RSVP@cef.org.
- **CEF's upcoming schedule** – As usual, CEF will not hold Friday morning meetings while Congress is in recess. The next meetings and events are:
 - **Friday, Apr. 13, 9-11am**: at AFT, 555 NJ Ave, NW. Guest speaker: Kate Cassling, Education LA, Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV).
 - **Friday, Apr. 20, 9-11am**: at AFSCME, 1625 L ST, NW. Guest speaker: TBD.
 - **Thursday, Apr. 26, 10am-noon**: Hill briefing to release CEF's budget book, 124 Dirksen Senate Office Building (see attached flyer).
 - **Friday, Apr. 27**: No CEF meeting

My best,

Sheryl

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