



Wednesday, September 12, 2018

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I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **FY 2019 education funding bill likely to be finalized Friday** – Congressional negotiators are working at lightning speed to produce a deal on the fiscal year 2019 Defense appropriations bill and the Labor-HHS-Education bill. The conference committee working out differences between Senate and House versions of those two bills will have its first – and last – [official meeting tomorrow at 11:30am](#) in HC-5 of the Capitol. Committee staff tell us that they hope to file the agreement on Friday, and then bring it to the House floor the last week of September. The House is not in session next week, but the Senate is scheduled to be in most of the week so it's possible the Senate would vote on the bill first. Negotiators have said the Labor-HHS-Education bill will be funded at the higher Senate level, but we won't know the programmatic totals until the agreement is filed and we can see the tables showing programmatic levels. We'll likely see a press release without a lot of specifics after the conference meets tomorrow.

Status of three mini omnibus appropriations packages:

- Minibus 1: Energy and Water, Legislative Branch, Military Construction-VA. [Conference agreement](#) filed Monday. May be considered by Senate and/or House later this week.

- Minibus 2: Defense and Labor-HHS-Education. [Conferees meeting tomorrow, hoping to file the agreement Friday, hold House floor vote the week of September 24.](#)
- Minibus 3: Agriculture, Financial Services, Interior, Transportation-HUD. [Conferees meeting tomorrow afternoon.](#)

II. CEF Gala and Legislative Conference

- **It's time to buy your tickets to the September 26 Gala and Legislative Conference!** Thanks to all who have already purchased their tickets or ads in the gala program. The gala is not only a great community-building event, but it is the one fundraiser that CEF does each year, and I hope you or your organization will purchase tickets to attend the conference and gala. As you likely know, this year CEF is honoring Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), and Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY) for all they have done to increase education funding.
- **The gala** – Like last year, we are holding a long reception starting at 6pm with a buffet in Union Station's Palm Court to maximize time for networking/socializing among the education community, followed by a seated awards ceremony in the East Hall and then coffee and dessert – with the promise to wrap up by 9 pm. The evening features a historic venue, good company, a photographer to commemorate the occasion, two drink vouchers per ticket, and delicious food!
 - **Tickets and sponsorships** - We encourage you to buy your tickets now, either by contacting CEF or by purchasing a sponsorship or individual tickets directly on CEF's website [here](#). Information about the benefits of each sponsorship category is shared [here](#).
 - **Hill/Administration staff guests** – As in the past, you may buy tickets for Hill or Administration staff whom you'd like CEF to invite to join you at the gala; those staffers will be seated with you for the awards presentation. As the sponsor of the event, CEF must issue the invitation to Hill and Administration staff on your behalf. Once you let us know who you'd like us to invite we'll keep you informed of all responses, and we encourage you to follow up after CEF's initial invitation.
- **Legislative conference** – [Your ticket to the Gala also includes attendance at the "Why Education Funding Matters" legislative conference from 9-11:30 a.m. the morning of the gala.](#) The first panel will examine the history of education funding in the US and other countries. The second panel will discuss the evidence showing the importance of investments along the education continuum. Senator Baldwin will also be speaking and accepting her award at the morning conference. We'll put the lineup of panelists on the [gala page](#) of the CEF website when we have them confirmed.

III. Events

- **CTE and Afterschool Senate Briefing on "New CTE and Afterschool Update" on Sept. 18** – Several CEF members are working with Senate CTE Caucus and the Senate Afterschool Caucus on a briefing to discuss how leveraging the out-of-school community – including afterschool and summer programs – helps create flexible, responsive, motivating pathways to careers. RSVP [here](#) or

to jluchner@afterschoolalliance.org to attend briefing on Tuesday, September 18, 2-3pm in 430, Dirksen Senate Office Building.

- **CEF's upcoming schedule –**
 - **Friday, Sept. 14, 9-11am, Quarterly Committee meetings:** University of California, 1608 Rhode Island Ave, NW, auditorium. Guest speaker: (tentative) Steve Townsend, Senate Budget Committee.
 - **Friday, Sept. 21, 9-11am:** at AFSCME, 1625 L St, NW, 1st floor conference room. Guest speaker: (tentative) José Miranda, Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA).
 - **Wednesday, Sept. 26: legislative conference and gala** (see details above).
 - **Friday, Sept. 28 : No CEF meeting.**
 - **Friday, Oct. 5, 9-11am,** at AFSCME, 1625 L St, NW, 1st floor conference room. Guest speaker: TBD.
 - **Friday, Oct. 12, 9-11am,** at AASCU, 1307 New York Ave, NW, auditorium. CEF research briefing on how census results impact education funding. Details to come.

My best,

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