



Tuesday, September 18, 2018

I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **Senate passes the FY 2019 education funding bill** – The Senate just passed the conference agreement on the fiscal year 2019 Labor-HHS-Education and Defense appropriations package by a vote of 93-7. (We sent a summary of the education funding on Thursday night, and our funding table is on our website [here](#).) The House is not in session this week but is expected to take up the bill next week. Assuming it passes – and it’s expected to pass with a combination of Democrats who support the Labor-HHS-Education funding even if some Republicans vote against the package for that same reason – the package will go to the President for his signature before the end of the fiscal year on September 30. The package also contains a “continuing resolution” extending funding at current levels through December 7 for the other government agencies that do not have full-year funding in place by October 1. House and Senate negotiators are still working on a separate appropriations package containing the Agriculture, Financial Services, Interior, and Transportation-HUD funding bills, but it’s unclear whether they can resolve outstanding issues in the next week. If not, the continuing resolution will cover programs in those four bills plus the Commerce-Justice-Science, Homeland Security, and State-Foreign Operations bills.

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](#).

- **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 panelists are Michael Feuer from George Washington University and Stephen Parker from the National Governors Association, and the moderator is Michael Stratford from *Politico*. The second panel will discuss the evidence showing the importance of investments along the education continuum. The panelists are Matthew Chingos from Urban Institute and Harry A. Patrinos from the World Bank, and the moderator is Emily Wilkins, *BGOV*. Senator Baldwin will also be speaking and accepting her award at the morning conference. Those with a ticket who plan to attend the conference must register [here](#) so your name will be at the Capitol Visitor Center security desk. A different person can attend the Legislative Conference than the person who attends the gala.

III. Events

- **AFSA, NAESP, and NASSP briefing on “Leveraging Principals to Retain Quality Teaching and Boost Student Learning” on October 3 –**
Three CEF members are hosting a lunch briefing for National Principals Month that will bring together principals and other stakeholders to explore the issues principals deal with every day and analyze the ways the federal government can assist in solving these problems. The briefing is on October 3, 12-1:30pm, in 902 Hart Senate Office Building. Please register for the event [here](#).
- **CEF’s upcoming schedule –**
 - **Friday, Sept. 21, 9-11am:** at AFSCME, 1625 L St, NW, 1st floor conference room. Guest speaker: 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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