



Monday, January 10, 2022

I. Policy Intelligence

- **Congressional update** – This is the one week this month that both the House and the Senate are in session. I don't anticipate movement on education funding-related legislation, and there are no education hearings scheduled. Yes, this is a very short congressional update!
- **Administration budget timeline** – Although there is no date set yet, it's clear that the President's fiscal year (FY) 2023 budget request will be sent to Congress well after the usual early February release date. The President will deliver his State of the Union address to Congress on March 1 – a speech where the President usually highlights key proposals of the budget request he is planning to send to Congress. Planning to submit its budget in early- to mid-March allows Congress time to enact FY 2022 appropriations first, providing a base from which the Administration can propose increased or decreased funding for FY 2023. It also allows Congress more time for Democrats to try to develop a reconciliation bill that can get the support of all 50 Democratic Senators. Last year's Administration budget reflected the request for the programs in its Build Back Better agenda as well as the annual FY 2022 funding.

II. Advocacy

- **Hill Teams requesting meetings with appropriators and education authorizers** – CEF is requesting meetings with the education staffers for members of the House and Senate Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittees (we had meetings with 6 of those Senate offices in November-December) as well as the two education authorizing committees. We're urging them to enact the big proposed funding increases for FY 2022 and to retain education investments in any revised reconciliation bill. As meetings are scheduled I'll email the members of CEF's Hill Teams and Advocacy Committee to invite people to join. Everyone on that committee got an email today – if you're not on the Hill Teams and Advocacy Committee but would like to join, just let me know.
- **Sample tweet urging Congress to support education funding increases** – Each week CEF is providing a sample tweet that our members can use or can adapt to focus on funding for specific education programs. The following sample tweet could be sent with the attached graphic ("2 of 3 voters want more education funding"):
 - Only 2% of the regular federal budget is for education, yet 2/3 of the public wants more education funding. Urge your Members of Congress to support education investments for FY 2022 and in the Build Back Better Act. Follow [@edfunding](#) and use CEF's toolkit at <https://cef.org/advocacy/5%c2%a2-makes-sense-updated/>

III. CEF coalition action items

- **CEF Job Board** – Don't forget to check the Job Board on the member-only page of the CEF website for openings (or send us yours to add to the Job Board). The newest posting there is:
 - **National Association of Federally Impacted Schools – [Executive Director](#)**. NAFIS is mourning the passing of Executive Director Hilary Goldmann and is now seeking a new leader with experience in the political arena and advocacy.
- **Reminder: it's time to renew your CEF membership for 2022** – A big thank you to the one third of CEF members that have already renewed their CEF membership for 2022! The stronger we are, the more impact CEF can have towards the goal of increasing the federal investment in education. The 2022 membership renewal form is on CEF's website [here](#) and is due by February 11. The renewal form is also an opportunity to tell us who you in your organization should receive the CEF Updates and to revise your description for CEF's 2022 membership directory. Dues can be paid by check, credit card, or through the member page of the CEF website.

IV. Events

- **National Educator Shortage Summit** – Several CEF member organizations are among those sponsoring a two-day National Educator Shortage Summit in Florida on February 7-8. See the agenda and registration details [here](#).
- **CEF's upcoming schedule -**
 - **Friday, January 14** - 9:30-11:00 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker: Philip Tizzani, House Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee Democratic staff.
 - **Friday, January 21** – 9:30-11:00 a.m. ET, [Zoom quarterly committee meeting](#). This is a chance for each committee to work on its agenda for the year, and for CEF members to learn more about which committee(s) they might like to join.
 - **Friday, January 28** – no CEF meeting.
 - **Friday, February 4** – 9:30-11:00 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker TBD.
 - **Friday, February 11** – 9:30-11:00 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker: Rashage Green, House Education and Labor Committee Democratic staff.