



I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **State allocations of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund and Governors Fund** – Last week the Department of Education posted [state allocations for the \\$54.3 billion of K-12 support funding](#) in December's COVID-relief supplemental funding bill. Private K-12 schools are eligible for another \$2.75 billion that is part of the \$4.05 billion total given to governors to allocate, so it's likely the remaining \$1.3 billion will also go to public K-12 schools. We will share the allocations for the higher education fund once we see them.
- **Education and Labor Committee: staff opening, staff vacancy, and new Members** – [Kathy Valle is the new Education Policy Director for the House Education and Labor Committee](#) following the departure of Jacque Chevalier Mosely. The Committee has posted a [job announcement for a higher education staffer \(the relevant pages are attached\)](#). House Republicans have not announced new committee assignments as they are pushing for a change in the ratios give the change in the size of the Democratic House majority. Democrats in the last month have announced plans to add the following five new members to the Education and Labor Committee:
 - Congressman Jamaal Bowman of New York
 - Congresswoman Teresa Leger Fernandez of New Mexico
 - Congresswoman Kathy Manning of North Carolina
 - Congressman Frank Mrvan of Indiana
 - Congressman Mondaire Jones of New York

II. Advocacy

- **Outreach on hold until after the inauguration** – As Congress, its staff, and everyone tries to recover from the riot at the Capitol last week and works to prevent other possible dangers during the impeachment efforts and the inauguration next week, CEF is pausing our outreach to the Hill. People are shaken, and there will be time to return to regular policy and funding concerns when it's appropriate.

II. Events

- **CEF Zoom happy hour this Thursday, Jan. 14, from 5-6 p.m. ET** – Join your CEF community for a virtual happy few minutes (at least) at CEF's [Zoom happy hour on Thursday, January 14, from 5-6pm ET](#). Feel free to drop in and visit with your education friends for a while. Here is the [Zoom link to](#)

[join on Thursday.](#)

- **Yahrzeit Zoom memorial for Joel Packer on Jan. 21 from 5-6:30 p.m. ET** – Carolyn Henrich is holding a day of remembrance for former CEF Director (and long-time participant) Joel Packer from 5-6:30 p.m. on January 21, the Hebrew calendar date of Joel's Yahrzeit, the one-year anniversary of his death. She is inviting Joel's friends in the education community to join the Zoom remembrance, which will have a brief service to remember Joel, honor his memory, and provide an opportunity to share stories about him. The [Zoom link to join is here](#).
- **CEF's upcoming schedule -**
 - **Thursday, Jan. 14** – 5:00-6:00 p.m. ET, [CEF Zoom happy hour](#). Feel free to drop in to chat!
 - **Friday, Jan. 15** - 9:30-11:00 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speakers: House Education and Labor Committee Democratic staff.
 - **Friday, Jan. 22** – No CEF Meeting.
 - **Friday, Jan. 29** - 9:30-11:30 a.m. ET, [Zoom quarterly committee meeting](#). This is the first chance for CEF's committees (Advocacy and Hill Teams, Social Media, Research, Membership and Bylaws, and Gala planning) to meet and work on plans for the year. We will hold monthly planning calls with each committee throughout the year.
 - **Friday, Feb. 5** - 9:30-11:00 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker TBD.
 - **Friday, Feb. 12** - 9:30-11:00 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker TBD.