



Friday, January 15, 2021

## I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **Robin Juliano announced as House Appropriations Committee staff director** – Today House Appropriations Committee chair Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) [announced](#) that she is promoting Robin Juliano – currently the Clerk of the Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee responsible for education – to be Staff Director for the full Appropriations Committee. Robin is extremely knowledgeable about education budgeting and knows CEF well. Shalanda Young, the Committee staff director under the previous Chair, will be nominated to become the Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget. Matt Washington, the current Clerk of the Legislative Branch Subcommittee, will become the Committee’s Deputy Staff Director. From what I’m hearing, Robin’s role on the subcommittee will not be filled. Last week at our Friday meeting we heard from the two education staffers who are staying at the Subcommittee, Philip Tizzani and Jared Bass.
- **Senate HELP Committee seeking letters of support for Education Secretary nominee Miguel Cardona** – The Senate HELP Committee is hoping to hold a hearing on the nomination of Miguel Cardona to be Secretary of Education as soon as the last week in January or the first week in February. The Democratic staff is seeking build support for the nomination with positive messaging and letters of support, especially from states with Republican Senators. The staff is also taking suggested questions for the record that would be made public, as well as questions that groups would like to ask that would stay private. You can contact the Committee education staffers in addition to two of the staffers working on the nominations process: Madeleine Pannell ([Madeleine\\_Pannell@help.senate.gov](mailto:Madeleine_Pannell@help.senate.gov)) is taking letters and Carly Rush ([Carly\\_Rush@help.senate.gov](mailto:Carly_Rush@help.senate.gov)) is heading the nominations team.
- **Matrix and charts of education funding in major COVID-relief proposals (attached)** – I’ve updated CEF’s matrix (a “cheat sheet”) that shows the education funding components of the major COVID-relief proposals to include President-elect Biden’s American Rescue Plan announced last night. That proposal is highlighted in the left column, with the two enacted bills in the next columns. To the right are the other comprehensive plans that the House passed or that were introduced in the Senate last year. Also attached above are two updated CEF charts, one showing enacted and proposed education funding for COVID-relief and the other that also includes the state and local fiscal relief; CEF tweeted these charts last night (please follow CEF [\[@edfunding\]](#) and feel free to retweet). Next week we’ll share some sample tweets.

## II. CEF coalition action items

- **Please submit your advocacy events to highlight on social media this year** – As part of CEF’s advocacy on social media we have been highlighting our members’ advocacy initiatives, designating

a “CEF Member of the Week” on Twitter and Instagram. We are asking CEF members to submit information on your events that we can then highlight. We’re keeping a master calendar of events and will be in touch with you as we get close to your event to get approved material - language and images – that we can use and then link to your own sites. Please submit information about your upcoming events – virtual advocacy days/weeks, conferences, briefings, presentations – at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJoXZv5Lf-Oud6rXKHZ613r4HDpJ0KeaFI9eqLO88IzbpTPQ/viewform>

- **Renewing your CEF membership for 2021** – Thanks to the many who have already sent in your membership renewal forms for 2021. The stronger we are, the more impact CEF can have towards the goal of increasing the federal investment in education. The membership renewal form is on CEF’s website [here](#), and is due by February 12. However, please let us know as soon as possible if you plan to renew, which we hope everyone does! 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 2021 membership directory. Dues can be paid by check, credit card, or through the member page of the CEF website.

### III. Events

- **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 -**
  - **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](#). Tutorial on the budget reconciliation process and what it could mean for education.
  - **Friday, Feb. 12** - 9:30-11:00 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker TBD.
  - **Friday, Feb. 19** – No CEF Meeting during the congressional recess.