



COMMITTEE FOR
EDUCATION FUNDING

Wednesday, January 16, 2020

I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **FYI – House votes to disapprove of Department of Education’s “Borrower Defense Rule”** – This morning the House passed [H.J.Res 76](#), which disapproves of the Department of Education’s rule relating to “Borrower Defense Institutional Accountability” that is slated to take effect in July. The borrower defense rule allows students to discharge loans if they were defrauded by a higher education institution. The Department’s new rule – which the House voted 231-180 to void – would make it harder for students to prove they were defrauded or misled, and thus to erase their student loans.

II. Advocacy

- **Hill Teams visits start next week** – CEF will hold its first Hill meeting next week with Michael Black, the education staffer for Senator Kelly Loeffler (R-GA), who replaced Senator Isakson this month. She is a member of the HELP Committee. We have requests pending for visits with additional offices of Members on the education authorizing and appropriations committees. Once meetings are scheduled we will send an invitation to participate to those who are on CEF’s Hill Teams and Advocacy Committee. Everyone will have a chance to sign up to join any or all CEF’s committee at the upcoming Membership Retreat on January 31. If you’d like to join the Hill Teams and Advocacy Committee before then, please email me (abernathy@cef.org) and we’ll add you to that email distribution list now.

III. Events

- **American School Counselor Association briefing on Jan. 29** – CEF member the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) is holding a luncheon briefing on “The School Counselor Role in Creating Safe and Supportive Schools Through Prevention and Early Interventions” on January 29, 12:30 -2:00pm in SVC 212 of the Capitol Visitor Center. Please [RSVP here](#) by January 23.
- **Public Schools Week, February 24-28** – The many CEF members who are organizational supporters of Public Schools Week invite you to get involved in their activities that week. You can learn about it at [this website](#).
- **CEF’s upcoming schedule** –
 - **Friday, January 17** – 9-11 a.m. at AFSCME (1625 L Street, NW, Board Room. Please [RSVP here by 3pm today](#) to provide an attendance list for security. Guest Speakers: Jared Bass and Philip Tizzani, House Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee.
 - **Friday, January 24** – no CEF meeting during Congressional recess.

- **Friday, January 31** – 9-11 a.m. at University of California (1608 Rhode Island Ave, NW, auditorium). This is our Membership Retreat, and the first quarterly Committee planning meeting. We encourage everyone to attend, and to sign up for the committees that you'd like to be a part of next year.
- **Friday, February 7** – 9-11 a.m. at AACTE (1307 New York Ave, NW, auditorium). Special Focus: CEF social media plans for the year, guidance from a communications specialist. We encourage CEF members to bring their communications coworkers to this meeting.
- **Friday, February 14** – 9-11 a.m. (Location TBD): Guest speaker: Frannie Einterz, Rep. Katherine Clark (D-MA).
- **Friday, February 21** - no CEF meeting during Congressional recess.