



Tuesday, October 12, 2021

I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **Sad news: Ed Kealy** – With sadness I am sharing the news that Ed Kealy, CEF's Executive Director from 1995 to 2010, passed away this summer. Those who were involved with CEF under his long tenure will recall his kindness and his dedication to CEF's mission. He was a fixture at CEF Hill meetings and a key part of the Friday meetings, to name just two of the many parts of CEF that I saw from my job on the Hill during that period. This [obituary](#) gives some of the highlights of Ed's professional life.
- **Congress (mostly) in recess this week, Senate appropriations bills possible** – Congress is in recess this week apart from the House's brief return today to vote on the bill passed last week by the Senate to increase the debt ceiling. Of relevance to education funding, the Senate Appropriations Committee may release drafts of some of its 12 proposed fiscal year (FY) 2022 appropriations bills this week, but no word yet on whether the Labor-HHS-Education bill will be released. The prevailing view is that the Senate bills will include less non-defense funding than the House bills, meaning it is likely they will provide less education funding than the historic increases in the House-passed bill, and that the Senate Appropriations Committee is not likely to mark up any of the bills. Rather, the Committee will release bills to provide a marker for where the Senate is starting its behind-the-scenes negotiations with House appropriations leaders since there would be no official conference committee. As a reminder, the government is operating on a continuing resolution through December 3, so Congress has until then either to pass full-year funding bills or to pass another short-term extension of current funding.

II. CEF member items

- **Please review your entry in CEF's 2021 Directory** – Attached is a draft of CEF's 2021 Directory for you to review. There have been a number of staffing changes among CEF members, so we wanted to update the Directory, which is on the CEF website on the member-only page. We also provide it to congressional education staff. Please review your entity's page and let me know of any changes by Monday, Oct 18. We'll email you the final 2021 version later next week.
- **Reminder: nominations for CEF's 2022 Board of Directors are due Nov. 5** – The CEF Update of [10.5.21](#) included the full details about nominations to serve on CEF's Board of Directors next year and the election in December, when CEF members will elect 8 members to CEF's Board. I encourage those interested in playing an active role in CEF to consider submitting a nomination for a position on next year's Board. Nominations are due by November 5.

- **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 listings posted there are:
 - **American Library Association** – [Deputy Director of Public Policy and Government Relations](#)
 - **MENTOR** – [Grassroots Organizing Manager](#)

III. Events

- **Briefing on principals leading through the pandemic on October 14** – CEF members the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP), the American Federation of School Administrators (AFSA), and the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) are holding a [National Principals Month](#) Congressional briefing titled “On the Front Lines: Principals Leading Through the Pandemic” on October 14 at 3pm ET. [Click here](#) for information and to register for the webinar.
- **CEF's upcoming schedule -**
 - **Friday, Oct. 15** - no CEF Friday meeting while Congress is in recess.
 - **Friday, Oct. 22** – 9:30 -10:45 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker TBD.
 - **Tuesday, Oct. 26** – 2-3:30 p.m. ET – Zoom Hill briefing on historic underfunding of education and long-term needs. Speaker details and webinar link coming soon.
 - **Friday, Oct. 29** – 9:30-10:45 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker TBD.
 - **Friday, Nov. 5** - 9:30-10:45 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker TBD.
 - **Friday, Nov. 12** – no CEF Friday meeting while Congress is in recess.