



Wednesday, October 21, 2020

I. Pre-election briefing for CEF members on Friday

- **Reminder: CEF's pre-election briefing this Friday with Harry Enten of CNN** – CEF has been able to secure a virtual election briefing featuring CNN analyst and senior writer [Harry Enten](#) this Friday, October 23, at noon. For those of you who have seen Harry present, you know he is a “data” guy who spends his days pouring over daily polls, teasing out strengths, weaknesses, and trends, and reporting on overall projections. Harry will present the latest data on the Presidential race, key Senate races and a few competitive House seats to watch, as well as what he is seeing in polling data around education. This will be an informative and fun opportunity to hear from an expert on polling trends in key elections and what motivates voters. **This briefing is only open to CEF members, so please do not share the invitation.** Please [RSVP here](#) – you must register in advance to attend the briefing.

II. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **Congressional update** – There is no consensus yet on crafting a bipartisan a COVID relief package, but Administration leaders and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) will meet again today, continuing negotiations beyond the Speaker's announced deadline of last night. The Speaker reports that two of the unresolved issues are fiscal relief for states and localities (the most recent House-passed relief bill provides \$436 billion and the Administration offer is reportedly \$300 billion) and liability protections. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) plans to hold a Senate vote today on the same Republican relief bill that failed to come to the Senate floor in September (the education provisions are described in detail in the [CEF Update 9.8.20 #2](#)). Leader McConnell reportedly told the White House yesterday he does not want to vote on a relief package before the election, but has publicly said that *“If a presidentially supported bill clears the House at some point we'll bring it to the floor.”*
- **New point person at ED for outside groups** – Karen Stratman, the Department of Education's Director of National Engagement in the Office of Communications and Outreach, recently retired. The new point of contact for education stakeholders is Kimberly Watkins-Foote, who is the Acting Director. Her email is kimberly.watkins-foote@ed.gov.
- **Reminder: nominations to run for CEF's 2021 Board are due in two weeks** – In December, CEF members will elect 7 members to CEF's 2021 Board of Directors: three officers who will serve a one-year term and four other Board members who will serve two-year terms. The new president will appoint two additional members. I encourage those interested in playing an active role in CEF to consider submitting a nomination for a position on next year's Board. If you have any questions,

please reach out to the CEF staff, or see the [CEF Update of 9.30.20](#), which also includes the [memo and nomination form](#).

- **Highlighting your advocacy events on social media** – Let us know if your organization is doing any virtual events or education funding-related activities that CEF can highlight on social media! You can submit information on your events at [this link](#). Our goal is to garner more attention to the advocacy, cross-pollinating among our members' networks. We will be in touch with you as we get close to your event to get your material - language and images – that we can use and then link to your own sites.

III. Events

- **Tomorrow: National Principal Month Capitol Hill Briefing** – CEF members the National Association of Elementary School Principals, the National Association of Secondary School Principals, and the American Federation of School Administrations are hosting a virtual Capitol Hill briefing on October 22 at 3:00 pm ET. The briefing is entitled “Principal and the Pandemic: How School Leaders are Handling COVID-19.” Registration and information is available [here](#).
- **Tomorrow: AERA Annual *Brown* Lecture in Education Research** – CEF member the American Educational Research Association (AERA) will host its annual *Brown* Lecture in Education Research virtually on October 22 at 6:00 pm ET. This year’s lecture is entitled “The Segregation Pandemic: Brown as Treatment or Placebo?” Registration and more information on the event is available [here](#).
- **CEF’s upcoming schedule** – CEF won’t be convening Friday meetings until Congress returns after the election, but below are the dates of other CEF events through the end of November.
 - **Friday, Oct. 23** – Noon-1p.m. ET, Pre-election briefing with [Harry Enten](#) from CNN. See details above on how to register.
 - **Monday, Nov. 2** – Deadline to submit a nomination to run for CEF’s Board of Directors. See information above.
 - **Thursday, Nov. 12** – 2:00 -3:30 p.m. ET, Briefing for CEF members and congressional education staffers on state education budgets and the impact of COVID-19. RSVP link and panelist details coming soon.
 - **Friday, Nov. 13** – 9:30-11:00 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker TBD.
 - **Nov. 16-20** – #HearOurEdStories week on social media.
 - **Tuesday, Nov. 17 (tent)** – Twitterchat on priorities for education funding next year. We will share materials in advance.
 - **Friday, Nov. 20** – 9:30-11:00 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker TBD.
 - **Tuesday, Nov 24** - 2021 CEF Board nominations and recommended slate shared in advance of annual meeting on Dec. 11.
 - **Friday, Nov. 27** – No Friday meeting the day after Thanksgiving.