



Monday, October 22, 2018

I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **Deeper FY 2018 budget deficit leads President to call for 5% budget cuts** – Fiscal year 2018 ended on September 30 with a \$782 billion annual budget deficit, according to the [Congressional Budget Office](#) (the Treasury has a slightly different figure) – \$116 billion deeper than the previous year's deficit. Revenues were about the same as the previous year even though corporate income taxes fell by 31%. Outlays (spending) increased by 3%, with the largest increases for net interest on the debt, Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. The Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget [reports](#) that of the deficit, \$164 billion is a result of the new tax cuts and \$68 billion is due to the higher spending caps on defense and non-defense discretionary spending. However, the Administration pointed to the numbers and called for discretionary spending cuts. Last week, [President Trump](#) called on all cabinet agencies to cut their FY 2020 budgets by at least 5 percent.

“I’m going to ask each of you to come back with a 5-percent budget cut from your various departments. Whether it’s a secretary, an administrator, whatever, I’m going to ask everybody with a 5-percent cut for our next meeting... Get rid of the fat. Get rid of the waste. And I’m sure you can do it. I’m sure everybody at this table can do it. It will have a huge impact.” – President Trump at the [October 17 Cabinet meeting](#)

For the Department of Education (ED), a 5% cut is more than \$3.5 billion; the President’s budget request for FY 2019 included a much larger cut, slashing ED funding by \$7.7 billion (10.8%) below the FY 2018 level (remember that Congress finalized the FY 2018 funding shortly after the Administration’s budget was released).

- **American Library Association policy brief on Libraries and the 2020 Census** – [CEF](#) member the American Library Association recently released a policy briefing called [“Libraries and the 2020 Census”](#) that explains how stakeholders can partner with libraries as they work to ensure their communities are fully represented in the 2020 Census.

II. [CEF](#) information

- [CEF’s FY 2019 “Budget Book” on the CEF website](#) – We have made [CEF’s annual analysis of the President’s budget](#) available to all on the main part of [CEF’s website](#) – see the grey box called “[CEF Budget Book](#)” on the lower right corner of the homepage. This great resource, written by [CEF](#) members, was distributed to Capitol Hill offices and [CEF](#) members this spring, and has been available electronically to [CEF](#) members on the member-section of the website until now. We immediately shared all the charts publicly

in downloadable format, but we keep the full book as a member benefit for the first few months.

- **Reminder: nominations to run for CEF's 2019 Board** – If you are interested in serving on CEF's Board next year, please email your nomination form by November 15 to Claire Shanklin at Shanklin@CEF.org. The explanatory memo and nomination form are attached (the Update on October 4 lays out the process and specifics in detail).
- **CEF Job board** – Don't forget to check the members page of the CEF website for postings of jobs, including the newest ones:
 - **American Library Association** – Public Policy Associate, Financial and budget Manager, and Administrative Assistant

III. Events

- **AERA Brown lecture on "Disrupting Punitive Practices and Policies: Rac(e)ing Back to Teaching, Teacher Preparation, and Brown" on October 25** – CEF member the American Educational Research Association invites everyone to attend the 15th annual AERA *Brown* lecture featuring the important role of research in advancing understanding of equality and equity in education. H. Richard Milner IV will examine practices and policies that are implicitly or overtly designed to punish rather than support academic, social, cultural, and psychological development of Black, Brown, and low-income students. RSVP here for the lecture, which takes place on Thursday, October 25, at 6pm in the Ronald Reagan Building; buffet reception to follow.
- **CEF's upcoming schedule** –
 - **Friday, Oct. 26**, - No Friday meeting (this is a change from the original schedule)
 - **Friday, Nov. 2 and Nov. 9** – No CEF meetings while Congress is in recess.
 - **Friday, Nov. 16, 9-11am**, at AFSCME, 1625 L St, NW, 1st floor conference room. Guest speaker: (tentative) Donni Turner, Senate Budget Committee Democratic staff.

My best,

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CEF Nominations and Elections Procedures 2018 Elections

- 1) Eligible CEF members wishing to be considered for the offices of President, Vice President or Treasurer, or for one of the eight elected seats on the CEF Board of Directors – four of which come up for election this year -- shall complete the attached “Candidate Profile” and submit it to the Committee on Nominations and Elections via the CEF office, **by Close of Business (COB) on Thursday, November 15, 2018.**
- 2) **Individuals serving on the Committee on Nominations and Elections may not file a candidate profile, nor may other individual employed by or representing an organization that is already represented by a member of the committee.**
- 3) Individuals may file a Candidate Profile for more than one office. However, they may not appear on the final ballot for more than one office, so if they are recommended for one office but choose to pursue their candidacy for another, they will not be included on the slate for the original office.
- 4) Please send the candidate profile as a word attachment, or as a pdf file, to Claire Shanklin at CEF: Shanklin@cef.org. Candidates for election are free to campaign in any appropriate manner at any time during the nominations and elections process.
- 5) The Committee on Nominations and Elections will review the submitted candidate profiles and develop a slate to be presented to the CEF membership. The slate will include candidates for President, Vice President, Treasurer and the four elected seats on the CEF Board of Directors that are up for election (four Board members were elected last year to 2-year terms). The Nominations and Elections Committee will develop a slate that contains at least one candidate for President, Vice President, and Treasurer and no less than four candidates for the CEF Board of Directors to be elected by the CEF membership. The Committee on Nominations and Elections may solicit additional candidate profiles to ensure an appropriately balanced slate that is representative of the dues categories and education sectors within CEF’s membership.
- 6) Before the slate is presented to the full CEF membership, the Committee on Nominations and Elections shall contact those members who submitted profiles but who were not included on the slate to determine if they wish to maintain their candidacy and appear on the ballot. **In compliance with the CEF bylaws, the recommended slate, all additional candidates, and the Candidate Profiles of all those up for election will be presented to the full membership by email on November 30, 2018, which is two weeks prior to the CEF Annual Meeting.**

7) Elections will take place during the business session of the CEF Annual Meeting to be held on December 14, 2018.

- a) Each CEF member organization in good standing and also present at the annual meeting shall cast one vote. Proxy voting is not allowed.
- b) Any CEF member who participates in the annual meeting by means of a conference telephone or similar means of communication which allows for those attending the meeting to simultaneously hear each other and participate in the meeting shall be deemed present at the meeting.
- c) The order of elections will be: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and then the Board of Directors.
- d) Voting will be by secret ballot.
- e) If a candidate is unopposed for an office, the election may take place by voice vote if such a motion is approved by unanimous consent. Nominations from the floor are not permitted.
- f) To the extent that paper or secret ballots are used for voting, those who participate by means of a conference telephone or similar means of communication may cast such ballot electronically after their presence is confirmed during the meeting.
- g) Candidates for the offices of President, Vice President, and Treasurer shall be permitted to address attendees of the business meeting for three minutes. Officers shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast by secret ballot. If a runoff is required during any election for officers, the membership shall vote again on the two candidates who received the highest number of votes in the preceding vote.
- h) Candidates for the Board of Directors will be permitted to address attendees of the business meeting for 90 seconds. Candidates receiving the four highest vote totals in rank order shall be elected to the Board of Directors. If candidates are tied for the last seat, a runoff will be held to determine a candidate with the most votes.

8) The Officers and elected Board members take office at the end of the annual meeting.

Committee for Education Funding

2018 Committee on Nominations & Elections

Official Candidate Profile

Deadline: Due to CEF by COB on November 15, 2018

E-mail: Shanklin@cef.org

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Position(s) sought:

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Two-Year Membership to Board of Directors

Other CEF Organizations you represent:

Candidate Statement:

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