



## I. CEF member information

- **Last chance! Nominations to run for CEF's 2021 Board are due on Monday** – If you're interested in running for a position on CEF's 2021 Board of Directors, nominations are due by COB this Monday, November 2 - the nomination form is attached. 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.
- **Please take a moment to complete CEF's brief survey** – Each fall, CEF surveys its membership to ensure we are providing the benefits you want and to ask for suggestions for improvement. The survey will take only a few minutes, and all responses are anonymous. Your feedback will help us tailor our activities, advocacy, and information to what you most value. Please take the time to respond and feel free to comment on areas that were not addressed. [Click here](#) to take the survey.

## II. Advocacy

- **Sample education funding tweet for this week** – This week CEF (@edfunding on Twitter – follow us if you haven't already!) [tweeted](#) a new chart showing the pandemic relief education funding already enacted and in several House and Senate bills. That chart is attached above, and below is a sample tweet anyone can use and modify to reflect your priorities.
  - **Sample tweet** – A top priority for Congress must be providing more support for education, a vital need right now. The House has passed bills with up to \$225 billion for education, but the needs are only growing. Tell Congress to increase federal education funding #5cents4edfunding [chart to attach: Education COVID-Relief Funding Enacted and Proposed]
- **#HearOurEdStories Week November 16-20** – We will be highlighting CEF's #HearOurEdStories social media campaign the week of November 16-20, when Congress will be in session and will likely be turning to the fiscal year 2021 appropriations bills and possibly a COVID-relief bill. This is the right time to tell Congress why big increases in education funding in both bills is so important. We will have an updated version of CEF's [social media toolkit](#) for you the prior week with sample promotional messages you can use to share it with your grassroots members to encourage their participation. The toolkit has step by step instructions that make it easy for people to share their education story with their Members of Congress.

## III. Events

• **CEF Briefing for congressional staff and CEF members on “State Education Budgets and the Impact of COVID-19”** – Thursday, November 12, 2-3:30 p.m. ET, via Zoom. Panelists will discuss how state education budgets work and why some states are already cutting budgets while others are able to hold off for now. Panelists will also address the impact of looming state revenue shortages on pre-K-12 education as well as the possible impacts on post-secondary education, both for students and institutions of higher education. Please [RSVP here](#) - you must register in advance to get the Zoom webinar link.

**Panelists:**

- [Michael Griffith](#), Senior Researcher and Policy Analyst, Learning Policy Institute
- [Dr. Jennifer Ma](#), Senior Policy Research Scientist, The College Board
- Additional panelist pending confirmation

- **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 for the next month.
  - **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. See registration and details above.
  - **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** – 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.