



Thursday, November 4, 2021

I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **House may consider revised reconciliation bill this week** – Yesterday afternoon House Democrats filed a revised version of their Build Back Better reconciliation bill with the Rules Committee and are hoping to bring it to a floor vote as soon as today, but do not have firm plans to do so. CEF's updated side-by-side is attached, which shows the few places where education funding changed (see below for a description). Links to the revised bill text, a section-by-section summary from the House Budget Committee, and comparison of the two bills follow.
 - [Revised bill text from November 3 \(Rules Committee Print 117-18\)](#)
 - [Revised section-by-section summary of the bill \(from House Budget Committee\)](#)
 - [Comparison of last week's bill and this version](#)
 - **Attached: CEF's updated side-by-side** -- This CEF table shows the education and related funding in the bill. Areas that have changed since last week's bill are highlighted in yellow. The funding changes include one place where funding is increased and one where set-asides are decreased:
 - **\$5 billion added for Community College and Industry Partnership Grants.** The original bill included \$2 billion for these grants, the modified bill last week included nothing, and this new bill includes \$5 billion.
 - **Slightly less funding for some set-asides for Head Start and localities within the universal pre-k program.**
- **Due tomorrow! Nominations for CEF's 2022 Board of Directors** – 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 people to CEF's Board. I encourage those interested in playing an active role in CEF to submit a nomination for a position on next year's Board. Nominations are due by November 5 (the Candidate Profile form is attached).

II. Advocacy

- **CEF ads on Twitter, other digital media, and POLITICO this week** – As described in Tuesday's CEF Update, this week CEF's advocacy in support of greater federal education investments includes a [full-page ad on the back of POLITICO's print edition](#) on Tuesday as well as some digital ads placed

on a variety of social media platforms and sites targeted to the DC Beltway policymaker audience, placing a special emphasis on those with an interest in education within that larger policy audience. The three ads below are running on Twitter from Wednesday through Friday (Twitter ads can't be political in nature).

- [CEF Twitter Ad 1](#) (Investing in America)
 - [CEF Twitter Ad 2](#) (Time to build a better future)
 - [CEF Twitter Ad 3](#) (Learning lasts a lifetime)
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- **Successful @edfunding #5Cents4edfunding Twitter chat** – Thanks to the many CEF members who joined our Twitter chat yesterday afternoon to highlight the need to quickly enact the proposed large and vital increases in education funding for fiscal year 2022, along with the education investments in the pending reconciliation bill. There were lots of good examples of the needs out there and what the funding could accomplish, and it's always helpful to remind people about how to advocate for more federal funding (CEF has an updated [#HearOurEdStories social media toolkit](#) online).

III. Events

- **First-Generation College Celebration Day on November 8** – CEF member the Council for Opportunity in Education, together with others, is sponsoring a national panel discussion to highlight first-generation college students on the anniversary of President Johnson signing the Higher Education Act. The webinar is on November 8 from 3-4pm ET. Registration and information are [here](#).
- **CEF's schedule for the rest of the year -**
 - **Tomorrow - Friday, Nov. 5** – 9:30-10:45 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker at 9:30am ET: Rich Williams, Office of Postsecondary Education at US Department of Education.
 - **Friday, Nov. 12** – no CEF Friday meeting while Congress is in recess.
 - **Friday, Nov. 19** – 9:30-10:45 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker: Ashling Kelly Preston, Senator Tim Scott (R-SC).
 - **Friday, Nov. 26** – no CEF Friday meeting – enjoy the Thanksgiving break.
 - **Friday, Dec. 3** – 9:30-10:45 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker: Brennan Barber, Senator Tina Smith (D-MN)
 - **Friday, Dec. 10** – 9:30-11:30 a.m. ET, Zoom annual meeting. Registration link and meeting details to come. This is the last CEF Friday meeting of the year.