



Wednesday, November 18, 2020

I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **FY 2021 appropriations** – House and Senate appropriators are working to reach agreement on allocations for the 12 fiscal year (FY) 2021 government funding bills so they can then quickly negotiate programmatic funding levels. However, there’s no agreement yet, although most allocations are not wildly far apart. It’s hard to quickly compare the levels because the official subcommittee allocations – the 302(b) allocations – only include funding limited by the discretionary spending caps, and some subcommittee bills also have other funding, such as emergency funding, overseas contingency operations, cap adjustments for certain programs, of the amusingly called “CHIMPS” that is savings from mandatory programs that are spent on discretionary programs. The Labor-HHS-Education allocations in the Senate and House are virtually identical except for the many billions of public health emergency funding in the House bill.
- **House leadership elections** – Yesterday House Republicans elected their leadership for the 117th Congress, retaining the top three leaders from the 116th Congress: Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA), House Minority Whip Steve Scalise (R-LA), and Republican Conference Chair Liz Cheney (R-WY.) Today House Democrats started holding their leadership elections, retained their top four leaders – Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-MD), Majority Whip Jim Clyburn (D-SC), and Democratic Caucus Chair Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY). They also elected Rep. Katherine Clark (D-MA) to the fifth position, Assistant Speaker, succeeding Rep. Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM). Elections for contested committee chair positions, including for the House Appropriations Committee, will take place the week of November 30.
- **Reminder: Final week to complete CEF’s brief survey** – Each fall, CEF asks our members to fill out a short, anonymous survey to ensure we are providing the benefits you want and to ask for suggestions for improvement. 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.
- **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 most recently added opening is listed below. (Also on the member-only page: past CEF Updates, videos of research briefings that were for CEF members, the 2020 CEF Directory, and more.)
 - **ASHA** – [Director of Education Policy](#)

III. Advocacy

- **This week is #HearOurEdStories week on social media** – CEF is celebrating #HearOurEdStories week on social media, and we urge your organization and grassroots members to share their education experience responding to the coronavirus pandemic and to urge Congress to provide more education funding for both the response and for the regular education funding bill (see full details in the [CEF Update 11.10.20 #3](#)). CEF's [#HearOurEdStories social media toolkit](#) makes it easy for the public to tell their Members of Congress about their education priorities, with instructions for how to find their Members of Congress and their Twitter address, sample messages, and instructions for posting. (CEF is @edfunding on Twitter and Instagram and @Cmte4edfunding on Facebook; please follow us if you haven't already.)
- **Yesterday's Twitter chat (@edfunding)** – Thanks to all who participated in yesterday's successful Twitter chat that focused on education funding as a priority for the incoming Biden Administration. There were more than 25 participants, including 7 CEF members and many individuals and other organizations in the education community. CEF gained 27 Twitter followers from the chat – we are closing in on 7,900 followers – who will now see the #HearOurEdStories videos. We will continue to use social media advocacy in addition to reaching out to Congress and the Administration through meetings, letters, briefings, and other events.

III. Events

- **AERA forum on Measuring Teaching at a Global Scale on Nov. 24** – CEF member the American Educational Research Association (AERA) and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development are holding an interactive policy forum to discuss new results from the Global Teaching InSights Video Study on November 24, 9:30-11:00 a.m. ET. After a presentation of findings, an international panel of policymakers, experts, and representatives from the teaching profession will consider the results and discuss implications for further improving teaching and learning. Information and registration are available [here](#).
- **CEF's schedule for November and December -**
 - **This week: Nov. 16-20** – #HearOurEdStories week on social media. The [updated toolkit](#) and full information is in [CEF Update 11.10.20 #3](#).
 - **Friday, Nov. 20** – 9:30-11:00 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker: Gabriele Elul, House Budget Committee.
 - **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.
 - **Friday, Dec. 4** - 9:30-11:00 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker: Leslie Zelenko, Rep. Mark Pocan (D-WI).
 - **Friday, Dec. 11** - 9:30-11:30 a.m. ET, Zoom Annual Meeting (link to come). Keynote speaker: 2020 National Teacher of the Year Tabatha Rosproy!

Attendance is important for elections and preview of CEF's 2021 plans.