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COMMITTEE FOR  
EDUCATION FUNDING

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Thursday, February 13, 2020

## I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **House Members have one month to submit requests to Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee** – Starting today until March 13, House members can submit electronic requests for program funding or language to be included in the fiscal year (FY) 2021 Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill. Subcommittee Chairwoman Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) has [posted a letter](#) explaining the process. Members of Congress must rank their priorities in their letters. House leadership has expressed its goal of passing the majority of FY 2021 appropriations bills by the end of June, so we expect that the first of the 12 appropriations bills might be produced in April. We also expect that the Appropriations Committee will hold hearings on the FY 2021 budget with many of the cabinet secretaries, but none has yet been announced.
- **Senate outside witness testimony for Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee** – Outside witnesses may submit written testimony on the FY 2021 budget to the Senate Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee from now through May 22. Instructions on the process are posted [here](#). That deadline implies that we won't be seeing the FY 2021 appropriations bill in the Senate until June at the earliest.

## II. Advocacy

- **Sample tweets and charts about the President's FY 2021 education budget** – I've attached some updated charts about the President's education budget that we encourage you to use in your advocacy and social media. Below are some sample tweets for your consideration:
  - The federal government spends less than 2% of the budget on education, but the President's 2021 budget cuts that share even deeper. Follow @edfunding to learn more about why we need to increase – not cut – federal support for education #5cents4edfunding
    - Attach pie chart: "ED is 2% of Budget"
  - The President's 2021 budget slashes federal support for education down to less than it was 10 years ago; that's \$13 billion less in inflation-adjusted dollars. Follow @edfunding to learn more, and call your Senators & Rep to tell them to increase – not cut - #edfunding
    - Attach bar chart: "FY 2021 President's Education Budget"
  - Despite strong public support for education funding, the President's budget slashes federal investments in education – repeating requests for unprecedented deep cuts that Congress

has refused to enact. Follow @edfunding to learn more about the return on investments in education

- Attach bar chart: “ President Trump’s budget make largest education cuts
- **Please submit your events for CEF to highlight on social media this year** – We’re asking CEF members to submit information on your events that we can then highlight on social media. We’re collecting the information to create a master calendar and will be in touch with you as we get close to your event to get approved material - language and images – that we can use and then link to your own sites. Please submit information about your upcoming events – advocacy days, fly-ins, conferences, briefings, etc., – at this [link](#) and we will follow up with you to get more details as your date draws near.

### III. Events

- **Two upcoming CEF Hill Events: reception in March and budget book briefing in April** – We’re working to get rooms to hold a reception on the Hill in March (we’re aiming for March 3, 4, 10 or 11), and to release our budget book in April (we’re aiming for April 2 or 3). We’ll let you know dates, times, and rooms as soon as they are set! More details to follow.
- **Public Schools Week, February 24-28** – The many CEF members who are organizational supporters of Public Schools Week invite you to get involved in their activities that week. You can learn about it at [this website](#).
- **CEF’s upcoming Friday morning meetings** –
  - **Friday, February 14** – 9-11 a.m. at AFT (555 New Jersey Ave, NW, 4<sup>th</sup> floor). Guest speaker: Frannie Einterz, Rep. Katherine Clark (D-MA).
  - **Friday, February 21** – no CEF meeting during Congressional recess.
  - **Friday, February 28** – 9-11 a.m. at AFSCME (1625 L Street, NW, Board Room). Guest speaker TBD.
  - **Friday, March 6** – 9-11 a.m. at AACTE (1307 New York Ave, NW, auditorium). Guest speaker TBD.