



I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **FY 2021 House appropriations markups to start on April 21: Labor-HHS-Education on April 29**
 - Based on a tentative markup schedule reported by CQ, April 29 will be a busy day for fiscal year (FY) 2021 appropriations in the House, with both the House Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee and the Defense Subcommittee marking up their bills and the full House Appropriations Committee considering both the Agriculture and the State-Foreign Operations bills. The Committee would vote on all 12 subcommittee allocations on April 28, at the beginning of its first markup. The education funding bill is scheduled to be marked up by the full Committee on May 13, along with the Defense and Homeland Security bills. This schedule for action is designed to give time for the House to pass all 12 bills by the end of June. As we noted in previous Updates, the House Labor-HHS-Education Subcommittee has March deadlines for public witness testimony and for Members to submit their requests for funding.
- **Education-related hearings this week in the House:**
 - **HHS Secretary Azar to testify Wednesday** – The House Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee will hear testimony about the President’s FY 2021 budget from HHS Secretary Alex Azar on Wednesday at 9:30am in 2358-C Rayburn House Office Building. The hearing will be webcast [here](#).
 - **Education Secretary DeVos to testify Thursday** – Education Secretary Betsy DeVos will be testifying before the Subcommittee on the education budget request on Thursday, February 27, at 10am in 2358-C Rayburn House Office Building. The hearing will be webcast [here](#).
 - **Education and Labor Committee hearing on reauthorizing the National Apprenticeship Act** – On Thursday at 10:15, the Education and Labor Subcommittee will hold a hearing on “Reauthorizing the National Apprenticeship Act: Strengthening and Growing Apprenticeships for the 21st Century.” The hearing is in 2175 Rayburn House Office Building.

II. Advocacy

- **Upcoming sign-on letter urging an increase for Labor-HHS-Education appropriations** – CEF is working on our [annual community letter](#) with the Campaign to Invest in America’s Workforce, Coalition for Health Funding, and Coalition on Human Needs that will urge Congress to increase funding for the Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill. Our goal is to have hundreds of

organizations signed on by mid-March. We will share the letter and information on signing on as soon as it is finalized.

- **Reminder: 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 creating a master calendar and will be in touch with you as we get close to your event to get your 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

- **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 28** – 9-11 a.m. at AFSCME (1625 L Street, NW, Board Room). Guest speaker: Moira Lenehan-Razzuri, Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI).
 - **Friday, March 6** – 9-11 a.m. at AACTE (1307 New York Ave, NW, auditorium). Guest speaker: Bill Cordes, U.S. Department of Education (head of the Division of Elementary, Secondary, and Vocational Analysis and acting division director for Special Education, Rehabilitation, Research, and Postsecondary Analysis Division).
 - **Friday, March 13** – 9-11 a.m. at NEA (1201 16th St, NW, News Conference Room). Guest speaker TBD.
 - **Friday, March 20** – no CEF meeting during Congressional recess.
 - **Friday, March 27** – 9-11 a.m. at AACTE (1307 New York Ave, NW, auditorium). Guest speaker TBD.