



COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION FUNDING

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **CEF in the news** – We answer questions, share data and charts, and regularly steer reporters to our various members. One recent article:
 - **EDWEEK Market Brief** – a February 25 [article](#) about the President’s education budget and some CEF quotes how likely Congress is to adopt it (short answer: not very likely).
- **Administration testifying this week on the FY 2021 education budget** – Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar testified yesterday before the Senate Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee and is testifying today before the House Subcommittee. Senate Subcommittee Chairman Roy Blunt (R-MO) noted that the budget “maintains the significant recent investments this Subcommittee has made in other areas, like supporting high-quality child care for working families, including through Head Start and the Child Care Development Block Grant,” which the President’s budget freezes at current funding levels while making an overall 10% cut in the agency’s budget. The Chair also noted that “many of the increases in this budget request are financed by unrealistic cuts. Cuts we cannot take and ones that you would not want us to take” and he highlighted that “we know by this point in my chairmanship that I will never write a bill that slashes the investment in medical research as the budget proposes.” [Tomorrow Education Secretary Betsy DeVos will testify before the Subcommittee on the education budget request at 10am in 2358-C Rayburn House Office Building.](#) The hearing will be webcast [here](#).
- **CEF social media Member of the Week: CEASD** – This week CEF highlighted the [Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf \(CEASD\)](#) as our Member of the [Week on Twitter and Instagram](#), noting its Advocacy Summit taking place today. We’re asking all of you to [submit information about your upcoming events – advocacy days, fly-ins, conferences, briefings, etc., – at this link](#) so that we can highlight them and your organization on social media. Our goal is to garner more attention to the advocacy, cross-pollinating among our members’ networks. We 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.

II. Events

- **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). **Please RSVP [here](#) to provide names for the security desk.**

- **March (date TBD)** – CEF call-in day to urge Congress to increase education funding. We are working on setting up 800 numbers for the House and Senate and will provide a sample script with time for you to adapt it for your networks and share in advance.
- **Friday, March 6** – 9-11 a.m. at AACTE (1307 New York Ave, NW, auditorium). Guest speaker: TBD (note: Bill Cordes is rescheduled for March 13).
- **Friday, March 13** – 9-11 a.m. at NEA (1201 16th St, NW, News Conference Room). 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 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.