



I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **This week in Congress** – Compared with the last couple of weeks, this should be a much quieter week for education funding in Congress – no confirmation of a new Education Secretary, no historically large infusion of appropriations for education! The House Higher Education and Workforce Investment Subcommittee will hold a [Zoom hearing on Wednesday at 1pm](#) titled “Rising to the Challenge: The Future of Higher Education Post COVID-19.” The witnesses should be posted today around 1pm.
- **Education Department summit on reopening schools** – The Department of Education (ED) is planning to hold a virtual “National Safe School Reopening Summit” this month – no date yet announced – that will focus on best practices and on mitigation and reopening strategies. It will feature students, educators, and other experts from ED and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. We’ll share specifics once they are announced.

II. Advocacy

- **CEF social media Member of the Week: NAFIS** – [CEF is highlighting NAFIS as our Member of the Week on Twitter and Instagram \(@edfunding\)](#), noting its virtual spring conference this week. We’re asking CEF members to [submit information about your upcoming events – advocacy days, virtual 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.

III. Events

- **CEF Hill Briefing: The Impact of COVID-19 on Education Jobs, Thursday, March 25, 2 – 3:30 p.m. ET** – [RSVP here for the Zoom webinar link](#). CEF is holding its first Zoom briefing of the year for congressional education staffers and CEF members. We will hear from researchers and policy experts who will provide a broad outline of the impact on education jobs nationwide, discuss the disparate impact from state to state, and address the job impact in both the elementary and secondary school arena as well as higher education. States and localities have already eliminated more than 1 million jobs and cut billions from their education budgets, and colleges have been hard hit, with nearly one quarter laying off faculty, office, and administrative staff by last fall. Panelists are:
 - [Melat Kassa](#), Research Associate, Economic Policy Institute

- [Maryanne Salm](#), Associate Director of Research & Strategic Initiatives, American Federation of Teachers
- [Andy Brantley](#), President and CEO, CUPA-HR
- **CEF's upcoming schedule -**
 - **Friday, March 19** - 9:30-11:00 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker: Bradley Solyan, Rep. Lois Frankel (D-FL).
 - **Thursday, March 25 – 2:00-3:30 p.m. ET** – Zoom briefing for congressional staff and CEF members: “Impact of COVID-19 on Education Jobs.” [RSVP here for the webinar link](#) (see speaker details above).
 - **Friday, March 26** - 9:30-11:00 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker: Woo Lim, Rep. Katherine Clark (D-MA).
 - **Friday, April 2 and April 9** – No CEF meeting during congressional recess.
 - **Friday, April 16** - 9:30-11:00 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker TBD.