



Thursday, March 25, 2021

## I. Briefing today – still time to register to attend

- **CEF Hill Briefing: The Impact of COVID-19 on Education Jobs, March 25, 2:00-3:30 p.m. ET – [RSVP here for the webinar link](#).** CEF is holding its first Zoom briefing of the year for congressional education staffers and CEF members today. Researchers and policy experts 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. 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, College and University Professional Association for Human Resources

### Related resources:

EPI: [“The American Rescue Plan clears path to recovery for state and local governments and the communities they serve”](#)

[“State and local governments have lost 1.5 million jobs since February”](#) (July 2020)

CUPA-HR: [Research Landing page](#) and [Research Publications page](#)

Pew Charitable Trusts: [“Nearly all states suffer declines in education jobs”](#)

Washington Post: [“The lowest-paid workers in higher education are suffering the highest job losses”](#)

## II. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **Estimates of K-12 funding in American Rescue Plan by school district – [WhiteBoard Advisors](#)** has created a [searchable database](#) with estimates of how much each school district nationwide will get from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund under the recently enacted American Rescue Plan. These are estimates, not final grant amounts, and use the Department of Education’s Title I allocation data which does not include charter Local

Educational Agencies (LEAs) and non-traditional LEAs. On that page you can also find their estimates for the Cares Act (aka, ESSER I) and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (ESSER II). [The Congressional Research Service provided state-wide estimates of ESSER as well as the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund and the support for non-public schools.](#)

- **President’s discretionary budget outline expected next week** – The Administration plans to release an outline of its fiscal year 2022 discretionary budget request late next week but it won’t contain the program by program funding levels that will come when the full budget is released in a month or two. As is usual in the first year of a new administration, it takes a while after the inauguration to produce a full budget request. What we’ll see next week will likely have not much more than a discretionary total for each agency and a discussion of some of the key initiatives. It will not include the proposals for mandatory spending changes (in the education world, those are primarily student loans) or revenues. The goal is to give some guidance for the Appropriations Committees in beginning to craft their twelve government funding bills.
- **Department of Education “National Safe School Reopening Summit”** – Yesterday the Department of Education held a [virtual summit](#) on reopening schools. It featured presentations from First Lady Jill Biden, Education Secretary Miguel Cardona, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) director Rochelle Walensky, and others who discussed the safety guidelines and steps related to reopening schools.

### III. Events

- **CEF’s upcoming schedule -**
  - **Today - 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.” See speaker details above and [RSVP here for the webinar link](#).
  - **Tomorrow - 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.
  - **Thursday, April 15** – 5-6 p.m. ET – CEF [Zoom happy hour](#) (federal taxes aren’t due until May 17 so you can spare an hour for fun)!
  - **Friday, April 16 - 9:30-11:00 a.m. ET**, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker TBD.
  - **Thursday, April 22** – 3-4 p.m. ET – Twitter chat on the President’s education budget. Details to come.
  - **Friday, April 23 - 9:30-11:00 a.m. ET**, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker TBD.