



Monday, April 12, 2021

I. President's FY 2022 discretionary education budget

- **Reminder: today, noon ET, Zoom briefing by OMB for CEF members** – On Monday, April 12, at noon ET, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is holding a Zoom briefing for CEF members on the President's fiscal year (FY) 2022 discretionary education budget ([see the CEF Update 4.9.21 #2](#) for CEF's analysis and charts). [We'll hear from OMB policy officials and staff, along with other White House policy officials, and have a chance to ask questions.](#) As a reminder, the President's discretionary request does not have program-level funding information for most programs, leaving about \$3 billion of the Education increase still to be split among programs. Even if the briefing officials can't provide information about specific programs, [this is a great opportunity to get an overview of what we can expect when the full budget is released and how the FY 2022 budget is likely to mesh with education investments in the Build Back Better infrastructure proposals.](#) **There is a capacity limit on the Zoom briefing, so please do not share the invitation outside of CEF!**

OMB briefing for CEF members on the education budget

Monday, April 12, at noon ET

[Click here](#) for the Zoom link

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Meeting ID: 160 981 3415

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Or dial in at 669-254-5252

II. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **Education-related hearings this week** –
 - **Student Debt Burden and Its Impact on Racial Justice, Borrowers, and the Economy** – Senate Banking Committee hearing on Tuesday, April 13, 10:30am ET. [The hearing will be webcast here.](#)
 - **Nomination of James Kvaal to serve as Undersecretary of Education** - Senate HELP Committee hearing on Thursday, April 15, 10am ET. [The hearing will be webcast here.](#)

III. Advocacy

- **CEF Twitter live conversation on appropriations earmarks on Wednesday at 3pm** – Following the success of our first Twitter livestream in February that covered what budget reconciliation could mean for education, we’re holding a conversation about education earmarks on CEF’s Twitter (follow us @edfunding!) this Wednesday at 3pm. The last time Congress included “earmarks” in appropriations bills was in 2010, so it seemed like a good time to focus attention on education funding by explaining what they are, what the process will be in the House this year, and what it could mean for education programs. I’ll be talking with CEF’s Treasurer Danny Carlson of the National Association of Elementary School Principals, and encourage people to promote the Twitter conversation and submit questions during the livestream. I’ll send a CEF Update with sample promotional tweets and instructions tomorrow.
- **Reminder: CEF is collecting examples of how COVID education funding is being used** – CEF is collecting examples of how schools, districts, colleges, and other entities are using COVID-relief funding – the \$282 billion for Department of Education programs and additional funding for other education-related programs. We’ll share the collected information about how the federal relief funding is being used as part of CEF’s advocacy to increase federal investments for long-term, ongoing education programs. Please share examples that show how the federal COVID-relief dollars have been or will be used. We have a [short questionnaire where you can provide specifics](#), or you can email information directly to me.

IV. Events

- **CEF’s upcoming schedule -**
 - **Today, noon** – OMB briefing on the President’s discretionary education budget. See details above.
 - **Wednesday, April 14** – 3:00pm ET. CEF Twitter livestream conversation with Danny Carlson (NAESP, and CEF Treasurer) explaining appropriations earmarks. See details above.
 - **Thursday, April 15** – 5-6 p.m. ET – CEF [Zoom happy hour](#) – drop in for some conversation and camaraderie!
 - **Friday, April 16** - 9:30-10:45 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speakers: Amanda Beaumont and Bryce McKibben, Senate HELP Committee.
 - **Thursday, April 22** – 3-4 p.m. ET – Twitter chat on the President’s education budget. Details to come.
 - **Friday, April 23** - 9:30-10:45 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker TBD.
 - **Friday, April 30** - 9:30-10:45 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker: Owen Reilly, Rep. Joe Morelle (D-NY).
 - **Friday, May 7** – no CEF meeting.
 - **Friday, May 14** – 9:30-10:45 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker TBD.
 - **(tentative) Tuesday, May 18** – 2-3:30 p.m. ET – Zoom briefing for congressional staff and CEF members on historic underfunding of education and long-term needs. Details to come.