



Friday, May 15, 2020

I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **State by state estimates of funding under Heroes Act** – At this morning’s CEF meeting a question came up about estimates of state funding under the Heroes Act, which the House is voting on today. The House Appropriations Committee has provided some estimates:
 - funding under the proposed state fiscal relief is estimated [here](#), and
 - state funding from the \$90 billion for an education State Fiscal Stabilization Fund is estimated in the attached PDF, which breaks out funding for K-12, higher education, and statewide activities.
- **Twenty eight Senators ask for increased education funding in next relief bill** – Yesterday 28 Senators signed [a letter](#) to Senate leadership asking that any upcoming COVID-19 relief measure include “significant additional support for our nation’s schools.” The letter was sponsored by Senators Doug Jones (D-AL) and Lisa Murkowski (R-AK). It focuses on public elementary and secondary education, and asks the Senate “to provide substantial, flexible additional investments through Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Finally, if the next funding package includes infrastructure provisions, we urge you to explicitly include K-12 schools as eligible recipients for funds.”

II. Advocacy

- **CEF Hill Teams meetings** – We will be sending a CEF Update on Monday that has the information about our June 9 virtual Advocacy Day. Meanwhile, if you would like to be added to CEF’s Hill Teams and Advocacy Committee, please email me (Abernathy@cef.org) and we’ll put you on the email list that regularly gets invitations to participate in our scheduled Hill meetings and we’ll send the information for the Committee’s monthly planning call. There’s no pressure to join lots of meetings, but this Committee helps plan our advocacy and events and takes the lead on Hill meetings, of course..

III. Events

- **CEF Research Briefing on Education Technology: Equity of Access, Assessment, and Research Findings** – Friday, May 22, 9:30-11:00 a.m. ET. Join [via Zoom](#) or dial in at 301-715-8592, meeting ID 994 9698 4362. Panelists include:
 - [Verna Lalbeharie](#), Managing Director of Digital Age Personalized Learning, American Institutes for Research
 - [Noelle Ellerson Ng](#), Associate Executive Director of Policy and Analysis, AASA: the School Superintendents Association
 - [Sean J. Smith, PhD](#), Professor of Special Education, University of Kansas
 - Corey Williams, Federal Lobbyist, National Education Association

- **CEF's upcoming schedule** –
 - **Friday, May 22** – 9:30-11:00 a.m. [Zoom Research Briefing on Education Technology: Equity of Access, Assessment, and Research Findings](#). See details above.
 - **Friday, May 29** – No meeting during scheduled congressional Memorial Day recess.
 - **Friday, June 5** – 9:30-11:00 a.m. [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speakers: Emily Smith and Peter Mills, Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT).
 - **Tuesday, June 9** – 1:00-5:00 p.m., CEF virtual Hill Advocacy Day/Day of Action. Details coming soon!
 - **Friday, June 12** – No Friday meeting – this is a change from the original schedule.
 - **Friday, June 19** - 9:30-11:00 a.m. Zoom Friday meeting. Guest speaker TBD.
 - **Friday, June 26** - 9:30-11:00 a.m. Zoom Quarterly Committee meeting.