



Thursday, May 20, 2021

## I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **President's FY 2022 delayed until May 28** – The release of the President's detailed fiscal year (FY) 2022 budget has been delayed an additional day, to Friday, May 28. The Department of Education is not going to hold its customary briefing for stakeholders this year. We will send around CEF's analysis and funding table as soon as we get it done!
- **Representatives request \$833 million for Community Project Funding in Labor-HHS-Education bill (CEF excerpt attached)** – The House Appropriations Committee has [published a list](#) of all the community project funding requests (aka "earmarks") submitted by Representatives, including almost \$833 million for the Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee. The attached excerpt shows all the requests for this Subcommittee, sorted according to the Representative submitting the request. The requests range from a low of \$5,000 for a senior citizens center submitted by Rep. Andre Carson (D-IN) to a high of \$25 million to build a psychiatric hospital submitted by Rep. Tony Gonzalez (R-TX). Many of the requests are not education-related but there is a huge range. Not all of these earmarks will be included in the FY 2022 bill; Members were allowed to submit up to 10 requests, but total earmark funding will be limited to 1% of total appropriations (it does not appear that the total is per bill, just as a share of total appropriations for the year).
- **Nominate someone to honor at this year's CEF Gala** – Here's your chance to suggest a champion of education to receive an award at CEF's 2021 gala. Past [awardees](#) comprise a bipartisan roster of those who have taken a lead in efforts to provide federal education funding, including Members of Congress, Administration officials, congressional and administration staff, and others working outside of government on national funding initiatives that help students and promote learning. Is there someone who was instrumental in drafting and shepherding through education support in the COVID bills? How about someone who is crafting new avenues to increase education funding? The attached nomination form lets you detail your nominee's accomplishments in advancing education funding for the Gala Committee to consider when making its recommendation for a slate of honorees. Nomination forms are due to [Gala Committee co-chair Peter DeYoe](#) at [peter\\_deyoe@harvard.edu](mailto:peter_deyoe@harvard.edu) by June 11.

## II. Advocacy

- **Hill Teams meetings this week** – On Tuesday, members of CEF Hill Teams and Advocacy Committee had two meetings on Tuesday and has upcoming meetings this week with the education staffers for Sens. John Hickenlooper (D-CO) and Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM), and Rep. David Joyce (R-OH). The report from the previous meetings:

- **Katherine Phillips with Sen. Mark Kelly (D-AZ)** – The Senator is not on the education funding or authorizing committees, but is interested in teacher retention initiatives, STEM education, college affordability and student debt, child care for student parents, and skills training. Katherine is interested in hearing about specific programs in Arizona.
- **Elizabeth Hill with Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-NM)** – The Senator was appointed to the Appropriations Committee this year. As an engineer, he has a natural focus on STEM education. He has adopted a two-generation approach to education involving both children and their parents to help families move out of poverty, and is interested in turning Title I schools into community schools that provide an array of services, particularly in rural areas where services are scarce.

### III. Events

- **CEF's upcoming schedule -**
  - **Tomorrow, May 21** – 9:30-10:45 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speakers: Peter Oppenheim and Lauren Schwensen, Senate HELP Committee Republican staff.
  - **Friday, May 28 and June 4** - no CEF meetings (enjoy the Memorial Day break!)
  - **Friday, June 11** – 9:30-11:00 a.m. ET, [Zoom Quarterly Committee meeting](#) – includes training for summer interns and new staff on Hill visits, and all other committees will meet to discuss plans for the rest of the year.
  - **Friday, June 18** – 9:30-10:45 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker TBD.