



COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION FUNDING

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

I. The Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **Congressional outlook for action** – The Senate is back in session this week while the House has postponed its return although it is holding some hearings, including one on COVID-19 Response in the House Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee tomorrow at 10am that will be [webcast here](#). Congressional leaders still do not agree on what should be in the next coronavirus response measure or even when it should be passed. Republican leadership wants to see how current relief measures work out and what future needs might be before drafting another bill. In contrast, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) wants fast action on a measure that could include a trillion-dollar state and local aid package among other priorities (federal funding to backfill lost state and local revenues could be an important source of public education funding). It's possible we could see a draft House bill as soon as this week.
- **ED announces release of \$1.4 billion in CARES Act funds for HBCUs and MSIs** – Late last week, the Department of Education [announced the release](#) of another portion of the higher education relief provided by the CARES Act. The nearly \$1.4 billion is targeted to Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Minority-Serving Institutions, and other institutions with large numbers of low-income students. [Information on the various funding streams and how to apply is on the ED website here](#). The funding is part of the nearly \$31 billion Education Stabilization Funding, and includes 7.5 percent of the Higher Education Emergency Relief fund set aside for the Higher Education Act Title III parts A and B, Title V parts A and B, and Title VII subpart 4 of part A, as well as funding set aside for the institutions with the greatest unmet need regarding coronavirus response ([Sections 18004\(a\)\(2\) and \(3\)](#)).

II. Advocacy

- **CEF letter to Congress urging increased education funding for pandemic response and for FY 2021** – Yesterday, CEF sent a [letter to Congress](#) outlining the need for quick action to provide a dramatic increase in education support for pandemic response and for ongoing and greater needs in the fiscal year (FY) 2021 funding bill. The letter links to requests for education funding from the many parts of education community and to requests for state and local funding to replace revenues that normally are available to support public education along the continuum.
- **Hill teams meetings to restart, virtually** – CEF is going to start requesting Hill meetings over a virtual platform (like Zoom, or some other) with the congressional offices of Members who are key to the education funding and policy arena – in other words, with the offices we usually lobby in person. Once we have meetings scheduled we will follow our customary protocol of emailing CEF's

Advocacy and Hill Teams Committee, who can then sign up to participate on a first-come, first-served basis. We'll stick with our goal of having the education continuum represented at each "meeting." We'll send those participating links to the materials that we will sharing with the offices (we provide them with some background on [CEF members](#), recent [letters](#), [fact sheets](#), [our funding table](#), some [charts](#), and information on education funding in that district or [state](#)). If you are not a member of the Advocacy and Hill Teams Committee but would like to join, please email me (Abernathy@cef.org) and we'll add you.

III. Events

- **NASSP and LPI briefing on 'Principal Turnover: Causes, Impacts, and Solutions' on May 14** – CEF members the Learning Policy Institute and the National Association of Secondary School Principals are hosting a livestreamed briefing to release a report, "Supporting a Strong, Stable Principal Workforce: What Matters and What Can Be Done"— that outlines policy recommendations for Congress, states, districts, and schools to support and retain high-quality school leaders. The event is on Thursday, May 14, 1:30-2:30pm ET. Please [click here](#) for information on panelists and to RSVP.
- **CEF Friday Zoom meeting schedule** –
 - **Friday, May 8** – 9:30-11:00 a.m. [Zoom meeting](#). Guest speaker: Bob Moran, Education Policy Director, Senate HELP Committee majority staff.
 - **Friday, May 15** – 9:30-11:00 a.m. [Zoom meeting](#). Guest speaker: Mark Laisch, Senate Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee minority staff.
 - **Friday, May 22** – 9:30-11:00 a.m. Zoom Research Briefing on Education Technology: Equity of Access, Assessment, and Research Findings. Details coming soon.
 - **Friday, May 29** – No meeting.
 - **Friday, June 5** – 9:30-11:00 a.m. Zoom meeting. Guest speaker TBD.