



Monday, June 14, 2021

I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **ED budget hearings this week** – The Senate and House are in session this week, and there are several education-related hearings on the calendar, including Education Secretary Cardona testifying on the President’s education budget:
 - **Hearing on the President’s FY 2022 education budget** - Senate Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee hearing with Education Secretary Miguel Cardona on [Wednesday, June 16, at 10am ET](#).
 - **COVID-19 Response and Recovery: Supporting the Needs of Students in Higher Education & Lessons on Safely Returning to Campus** – Senate HELP Committee hearing on [Thursday, June 17, at 10am ET](#).
 - **Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Reauthorization: Examining Successful Models of Employment for Justice-Involved Individuals** – House Education and Labor Subcommittee – [Tuesday, June 15, at 10:15am ET](#).
- **Possible next steps in the appropriations and budget process** – So it’s mid-June and Congress hasn’t passed a fiscal year (FY) 2022 budget resolution, which would contain the allocation telling the Appropriations Committees how much they have to spend in the annual government funding bills. Without that “302(a) allocation,” the full Appropriations Committee cannot act. The House is likely this week to take an alternative approach by passing a so-called “deeming resolution” that provides the discretionary total to the Committee. The deemer is likely to be very close to the President’s discretionary request. Passing a deemer avoids two problems: passing a complete budget resolution -- which also contains revenue, debt, and other policy items that could be controversial – and voting on the split between defense and non-defense discretionary (NDD) funding, since the deemer has just the total allocation. Republicans object to the split in the President’s budget, which provides a 16% increase for NDD funding (that includes the 41% increase in appropriations for the Department of Education) but less than a 2% increase for defense spending. Some progressive Democrats want to cut defense spending, making it hard to pass a budget resolution that would reflect the split. Ultimately, Congress will have to vote on appropriations bills that reflect the defense and NDD funding totals, and if Democrats want to pass an infrastructure bill or other big fiscal bill using fast-track reconciliation procedures in the Senate they will need to pass a FY 2022 budget resolution that contains the reconciliation directive. Until then, the next step appears to be for the House to pass a deeming resolution to official -start the appropriations cycle.

- **Reminder – Friday is deadline to 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 leaders of 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. 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. The deadline to submit your nomination form to [Gala Committee co-chair Peter DeYoe at peter_deyoe@harvard.edu](#) is this Friday, June 18.

II. Advocacy

- **Community sign-on letter sent urging big increase for Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill** – Thanks to the 57 CEF members and their many affiliates who signed the community letter to Appropriations Committee leaders asking to provide the Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill with enough funding to at least accommodate the President’s fiscal year 2022 request. The letter with almost 300 signers was sent on Friday and is posted on CEF’s website [here](#). CEF coordinates this letter each year with three other coalitions that cover the bulk of the bill’s programs: the Coalition on Human Needs, the Coalition for Health Funding, and the Coalition to Invest in America’s Workforce.
 - **Sample post to share the letter (there’s room for you to add something about your area of education:** We and almost 300 others are working with @edfunding to urge Congress to at least match the President's funding increase for Labor-HHS-Education programs. See letter: <https://tinyurl.com/4nnnszsw>
- **Reminder - sign up to participate in CEF’s July 21 Day of Advocacy** – On Wednesday, July 21, from 1-5pm we holding a virtual Day of Advocacy with meetings with congressional education staffers held on a virtual platform, supported by social media messaging and also offering a way for grassroots involvement with an easy way to send an automatic email directly to their Members of Congress. (See all the details about the Advocacy Day in the CEF Update of 6.9.21.) This will be the week after we release our annual education budget book and about the time that the House will be producing its education funding bill. All CEF members are encouraged to join our virtual Hill meetings and help amplify our message with social media support! We’ll provide a brief overview at the start of the Advocacy Day on July 21 for those who haven’t participated in Hill meetings before and couldn’t attend Friday’s training session. Please [sign up here](#) so we know how many meetings to schedule. We’ll be back in touch with all the planning materials in July.

III. Events

- **CEF’s upcoming schedule -**
 - **Friday, June 18** – 9:30-10:45 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker: Kaitlyn Montan, Rep. Joaquin Castro (D-TX).

- **Thursday, June 24** – 4:30-6:00 p.m. ET – in-person happy hour outdoors at The Admiral, 1 Dupont Circle NW, Washington. This is CEF’s first gathering since March 2020 – I look forward to seeing (instead of e-seeing) those who can make it!
- **Friday, June 25** – 9:30-10:45 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker TBD.
- **Friday, July 2 and 9** – no CEF meetings (enjoy the Independence Day break!)
- **Tuesday, July 13** – CEF Budget Book release and Zoom briefing (details to come)
- **Friday, July 16** - 9:30-10:45 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker TBD.
- **Wednesday, July 21** – 1-5pm ET – CEF Day of Virtual Advocacy (see details in CEF Update of 6.9.21 and sign-up above)