



Wednesday, June 23, 2021

I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **Secretary Cardona testifying tomorrow** – There is one education-related congressional hearing on the calendar: Education Secretary Miguel Cardona will testify before the House Education and Labor Committee at a hearing entitled “**Examining the Policies and Priorities of the U.S. Department of Education**” on [Thursday, June 24, at 10:15am ET](#).
- **What to expect from House appropriations markups** – This week, House Appropriations subcommittees are starting to mark up fiscal year (FY) 2022 funding bills, with action tomorrow on the Financial Services and General Government bill and the Legislative bill, two more bills getting marked up on Friday, and two more on Monday. On Tuesday, the full committee will vote on the “302(b) allocations,” which set the caps for each of the 12 bills, which will give an idea (see * not below for more information) about the amount for the Labor-HHS-Education bill and will show the split between defense and non-defense discretionary (NDD) that has been contentious. Some Republicans have opposed the less-than-2% increase for defense and the 16% increase for NDD in the President’s FY 2022 budget, while some progressives want even less defense and more NDD funding. The Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee is scheduled to mark up its bill on Monday, July 12. The Senate is not expected to be marking up its bills in the near future.
 - ***Why the 302(b) allocation for Labor-HHS-Education won’t tell us everything we need to know about the bill’s discretionary total** – The 303(b) allocation for the Labor-HHS-Education bill isn’t an accurate measure of the bill’s discretionary total because the bill also includes “CHIMPs” that fund discretionary programs. These Changes in Mandatory Programs cut unused mandatory spending and shift it to fund discretionary programs, which means that funding is not counted in the discretionary 302(b) total but does add to the bill’s total funding. The use of different amount of CHIMPS is what makes it hard to easily compare the bill’s total funding for discretionary programs from year to year.
- **Federal Reserve Chair to hold town hall with educators** – On August 2 at 4pm ET, Federal Reserve Board Chair Jerome H. Powell will host a virtual town hall with educators. This [link](#) has information about how to join – we’ll let you know when we get more details.
- **Deadline extended for CEF gala nominations** – **there is still time to nominate someone to honor at CEF’s fall 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 has been extended to Tuesday, June 29.

- **CEF Job Board** – Don't forget to check the Job Board on the member-only page of the CEF website for openings (or send us yours to add to the Job Board). The newest listings about to be posted there:
 - **Teach for America** – [Senior Associate for Public Partnerships](#)

II. Advocacy

- **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 the week after the House Appropriations Committee marks up its education funding bill but before the full House votes on it. All CEF members are encouraged to join the 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 the training session on June 11. 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 -**
 - **Tomorrow - 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 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** – noon-1:30 p.m. ET, CEF Budget Book release and Zoom briefing (details coming soon)
 - **Friday, July 16** - 9:30-10:45 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker: Kaitlyn Montan, Rep. Joaquin Castro (rescheduled from the canceled meeting on June 18)
 - **Wednesday, July 21** – 1-5pm ET – CEF Day of Virtual Advocacy (see details in CEF Update of 6.9.21 and sign-up above)