



I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **HELP Committee chair Alexander supports more education pandemic relief funding** – In an [interview on CNBC](#), Senate Help Committee chair Lamar Alexander (R-TN) yesterday noted the importance of getting students back in classrooms this fall and said “If we need more money for that, I’m for that.” The interview has links to a number of articles, Department of Education summaries of the CARES Act, and information about what different schools and colleges are planning about how to reopen safely.
- **Two HELP Committee Democrats ask for at least \$11 billion for IDEA in next pandemic relief** – Senators Maggie Hassan (D-NH) and Chris Murphy (D-CT) will soon be introducing legislation to include \$11 billion for special education state grants in the next pandemic relief measure. They wrote in an [opinion piece](#) that “we are urging Senate leadership to ensure that any future COVID-19 relief package provides significant additional funding for school districts, including \$11 billion in dedicated funding under IDEA for state grants to appropriately meet the needs of students who experience disabilities.” The White House is talking about its priorities for the next relief measure (education has not been highlighted) but nothing has yet come from the Senate. As a reminder, in May, the House passed the Heroes Act that provided more than \$100 billion for education and child care programs plus about \$1 trillion in state and local fiscal relief which could be used for education.

II. Advocacy

- **#FundEducationTwitterstorm on Tuesday** – CEF member the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), CEF, and a number of CEF members are organizing a Twitterstorm on Tuesday, June 30, to focus attention on the need for additional federal education funding to help prepare to bring students, educators, and staff back in person or to provide education remotely this fall. We will share an advocacy toolkit with informational resources, messaging, and social media sample posts and visuals later this week.

III. Events

- **CEF Research briefing on “The Importance of a Well-Prepared and Diverse Educator Workforce”** – Friday, July 10, 9:30-11:00 a.m. ET. Join via [Zoom](#) or dial in at 301-715-8592, meeting ID: 979 2156 5121, Password: 416875. Panelists include:
 - [Dr. Maria E. Hylar](#), Learning Policy Institute
 - [Dr. Jennifer Robinson](#), Montclair State University Center for Pedagogy

- Dr. Deena Khalil, Howard University (invited)
- Teach for America panelist (invited)

- **CEF's upcoming schedule –**
 - **Friday, June 26** – 9:30-11:00 a.m. [Zoom Quarterly Committee meetings](#). This is your chance to help shape CEF's events and advocacy going forward!

 - **Friday, July 3** – No Friday meeting during congressional Independence Day recess.
 - **Friday, July 10** – 9:30-11:00 a.m. [Zoom Research Briefing](#): The Importance of a Well-Prepared and Diverse Educator Workforce. See details above.
 - **Friday, July 17** – 9:30-11:00 a.m. Zoom Friday meeting. Guest speaker TBD.
 - **Monday, July 20** – 10:00-11:30 a.m. Zoom briefing on CEF's FY 2021 Budget Book and the urgent need for education funding. Details to come.