



Monday, June 28, 2021

## I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **House Appropriations action** – The Senate is in recess through next week, but the House is in session this week and the Appropriations Committee is busy marking up fiscal year (FY) 2022 funding bills. The Committee has released six of its 12 funding bills and subcommittees have marked up four, with two more slated for today; the Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill is scheduled to be marked up on Monday, July 12, so the text of the draft bill will likely be released on Sunday, July 11. Tomorrow the full Appropriations Committee will release and vote on the 12 subcommittee allocations – the “302(b)” allocations - which will give an inkling of how big the increase will be for the Labor-HHS-Education bill compared with current funding.
- **The outlook for education infrastructure and related proposals** – On Thursday, the [White House announced](#) an agreement with a bipartisan group of senators on a framework for a \$1.2 trillion infrastructure package that would include the traditional reauthorization of highway and transit that Congress is in the midst of working on as well as some of the Administration’s broader proposals from its American Jobs Plan. The framework does not include the Administration’s proposed funding for child care facilities, K-12 schools, and community college infrastructure, but does include funding to electrify school buses, eliminate lead drinking water pipes in schools, and provide broadband. Authorizing committees will now work on the legislative text for the bill, but this is just the first part of a multi-part approach to passing infrastructure investments. The next step is for both the House and Senate Budget Committees to produce FY 2022 budget resolutions in mid-July that contain reconciliation instructions to numerous committees for legislation that will be packaged into a single reconciliation bill to be passed this fall – presumably with only Democratic support. The reconciliation bill would include more of the President’s infrastructure proposals, including the education-related investments proposed in the American Families Plan for less traditional infrastructure, such as preschool, free community college and other student and institutional aid, teacher training, and child care, and could also include the education construction funding that did not make it into the bipartisan framework. For the education community, this means that now is the time to be contacting Members of Congress to advocate for them to include education funding in the reconciliation bill if it is not included in the bipartisan framework.
- **Reminder - deadline extended until tomorrow for CEF gala nominations** – 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 \[peter\\\_deyoe@harvard.edu\]\(mailto:peter\_deyoe@harvard.edu\)](#) has been extended to tomorrow, June 29.

## 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

- **NASP briefing on the importance of remedying school psychology shortages on July 13** – CEF member the National Association of School Psychologists invites you to a Zoom briefing on “Improving School and Student Outcomes: The Importance of Remedying School Psychology Shortages” on July 13 from 2-3:30pm ET (just after CEF's budget book briefing!).
- **CEF's upcoming schedule -**
  - **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)
  - **Tuesday, July 20** - #HearOurEdStories social media day! We'll share an updated toolkit this week along with sample tweets, graphics, and everything you need to ready to share with your grassroots networks
  - **Wednesday, July 21** – 1-5pm ET – CEF Day of Virtual Advocacy (see details in CEF Update of 6.9.21 and sign-up above)
  - **Friday, July 23** - 9:30-10:45 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker: TBD
  - **Friday, July 30** - 9:30-10:45 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker: TBD