



COMMITTEE FOR
EDUCATION FUNDING

Tuesday, July 14, 2020

I. CEF FY 2021 Budget Book Briefing on Monday, July 20, at 10am ET

- **Next week's Budget Book Zoom briefing** – CEF is officially releasing our FY 2021 education budget book at a briefing featuring a discussion with practitioners about the additional education funding needs now as the nation confronts the pandemic. As usual, we're inviting congressional education staffers, CEF members, and the press, but this year because we are not limited by space constraints and because CEF members have had the book since March, we have also invited the wider education community. The book, *Education Matters*, is a key part of CEF's advocacy and outreach year. Written by CEF members, the book goes program by program to provide a vignette showing how the funding is used – including some video vignettes this year – along with specifics of the President's request and its impact in the field, the program's historical funding levels. It also provides an overview of the and downloadable charts highlighting the importance of the federal investment in education.
- **Register now to attend** - Please [register now](#) to attend the Zoom webinar– you can attend by calling in or online. **You must register in advance to get the link to attend the briefing, unlike our Friday meetings.** Participants may submit questions via the “chat” function for the panelists to answer after their presentations. We will also livestream the briefing on CEF's Facebook page (Cmte4edfunding) and post the recording afterward on the “Events” page of CEF website.

**Education Matters: Investing in America's Future –
Panel Discussion of the Need for Increased Federal Education Funding**

Monday, July 20, 2020

10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. ET

[Register here to attend the Zoom webinar](#)

- **Panelists from targeted states** – Many thanks to the CEF members who identified and invited a great panel of people participating in early education, K-12 education, post-secondary education, adult education, and out-of-school educational services – this year, a YMCA afterschool program. The panelists are from states that have Members of Congress who play key roles in education funding. The panelists are:
 - [Aidan Arasasingham](#), Undergraduate at University of California-Los Angeles
 - Joshua Ferguson, Assistant School-aged Childcare Director, Jefferson City Area YMCA, Missouri
 - [Jennifer K. Foster](#), Deputy Executive Director, Illinois Community College Board

- [Bethany Meehan-Poulin](#), 4th and 5th grade special education teacher, Dirigo Elementary School, Peru, Maine
- [Dr. Janet Robinson](#), Superintendent, Stratford Public Schools, Connecticut
- **Access to the budget book** – As mentioned above, we emailed CEF members the budget book in March and it is currently available to you on the member area of CEF’s website. On July 20, it will be shared publicly on our [website](#), where the charts are currently available in downloadable form. We will also be tweeting out the video vignettes over the course of next week.
- **#HearOurEdStories campaign** – We will be updating our [#HearOurEdStories social media toolkit](#) to include a focus on the extra costs and needs associated with going back to school this year. We’ll be encouraging panelists and those attending the briefing to use the hashtag to tell their Members of Congress why increased education funding is so important, and will be making a push to share the campaign the week of July 27, when the House plans to consider the FY 2021 Labor-HHS-Education bill in package that will likely include six other funding bills. Once the toolkit is updated we will send you the link and sample Tweets that we encourage you to use in sharing it with your grassroots networks.