



Thursday, July 15, 2021

**Thanks to those who have already sponsored CEF's 2021 Gala!**

**Straight "A"s:** American Federation of Teachers (AFT).

**Star Student:** American Council on Education (ACE); American Library Association (ALA); National Education Association.

**Dean's List:** AASA, the School Superintendents Association; National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

**Honor Roll:** Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU); Bose Public Affairs; National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS); National Council for Community and Education Partnerships (NCCEP).

Individual tickets will go on sale the last week of July. Gala sponsorship information is online [here](#).

## **I. Policy Intelligence and Education News**

- **House Appropriations Committee markup of Labor-HHS-Education bill ongoing** – The House Appropriations Committee is currently marking up the FY 2022 Labor-HHS-Education funding bill (webcast is [here](#)). The CEF Update of 7.14.21 included a short analysis of the bill's education funding and provided CEF's completed table showing the bill's funding for education programs compared with their FY 2021 enacted level.
- **CEF's budget book briefing and access to the book for CEF members** – Thanks to everyone who wrote or edited an article, invited a panelist, found a video vignette, and attended Tuesday's briefing releasing CEF's FY 2022 budget book and highlighting the need for increased education funding. The book is an amazing resource that we will provide for the next year in all our meetings with congressional staff. Tuesday's briefing was persuasive, informative, and well-attended. We had a total of 105 people, including 15 Hill staff and 66 CEF members. We have sent a link to the book to those congressional staffers and the 27 others who registered but didn't attend. CEF members can access the budget book for now on the member area of CEF's website; access to the budget book is a member benefit for now, and we will make it public this fall. The book's charts and video vignettes, as well as the video of the briefing, are available to the public on the CEF website's [Budget Book tab](#) (the grey box in the lower right of the home page).

## **III. Advocacy**

- **Reminder – Join in #HearOurEdStories Day on July 20** – See the separate CEF Update earlier today for full details about this advocacy event. We’re leading a social media campaign with Rep. Jamaal Bowman (D-NY) on Tuesday to ask people to record why education funding matters to them and tag their Members of Congress, urging them to support increased education funding. CEF’s #HearOurEdStories tool kit is [online here](#).
- **CEF’s July 21 Day of Advocacy** – CEF members are encouraged to help amplify our message with social media support on Wednesday, July 21, when CEF is holding a virtual Day of Advocacy with meetings with 36 congressional education staffers, supported by social media messaging, and a way for grassroots involvement with an easy way to send an automatic email directly to their Members of Congress – stay tuned for information about how to share that advocacy platform. (See all the details about the Advocacy Day in the [CEF Update of 6.9.21.](#)) If you signed up to participate in Hill meetings but didn’t hear from me this week, please let me know. We will send out meeting assignments and schedules for each team by COB tomorrow.

#### IV. Events

- **CEF’s schedule for the rest of the summer -**
  - **Tomorrow - 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! See details in CEF Update of 7.15.21 #1
  - **Wednesday, July 21** – 1-5pm ET – CEF Day of Virtual Advocacy!
  - **Friday, July 23** - 9:30-10:45 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speakers: Rebecca Kahn (Sen. Alex Padilla, D-CA) and Brent Palmer (Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-CA)
  - **Friday, July 30** - 9:30-10:45 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker: Jessica Pedroza, Rep. Ruben Gallego (D-AZ).
  - **August Fridays** – no CEF Friday meetings during the congressional recess.
  - **August TBD** - CEF Happy Hour! We’ll pick a date and venue shortly.