



Wednesday, August 11, 2021

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

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**Dean's List:** National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU); AASA, the School Superintendents Association/Consortium for School Networking/National School Boards Association.

**Honor Roll:** Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU); Bose Public Affairs Group; National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS); National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA); National Council for Community and Education Partnerships (NCCEP); National Association of Secondary School Principals/National Association of Elementary School Principals/American Federation of School Administrators.

## I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **Senate passes budget resolution that calls for huge new education investments** – Overnight, Senate Democrats passed their fiscal year (FY) 2022 budget resolution that contains nearly three quarters of a trillion dollars over ten years for new education and health investments intended to cover "robust" amounts of the President's education proposals from the American Jobs Plan and the American Families Plan. (The CEF Update of 8.9.21 spells out the assumptions for education and has links to text and summaries.)
  - **Amendments** – The Senate adopted some amendments that do not affect the funding totals of the budget resolution or control legislation that will subsequently be drafted. The amendments are non-binding directions or accommodation of legislation that would have no effect on the deficit; "deficit-neutral reserve funds" are a chance to express policy support while making it easier for committees to change their year to year allocations to accommodate legislation that over the ten-year period does not change the deficit. One such education-related amendment that passed by a 50-49 vote is Senator Tom Cotton's (R-AR) [amendment](#) that is intended to support legislation that limits federal funds from being used to teach critical race theory in pre-K-12 grades.
  - **House consideration** – The House will come back into session on Monday, August 23, to consider the Senate-passed resolution, and presumably to pass it without further amendment, thus triggering the reconciliation protections for a \$3.5 trillion human and physical infrastructure bill to be produced in September. On a separate issues, House

leaders did not say whether the House will consider the bipartisan infrastructure bill that the Senate passed earlier this week (the CEF Update of 8.5.21 lays out the education-related funding in this bill). Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) has said she will not take up that infrastructure package without the separate reconciliation bill funding infrastructure, but it's possible that passing the budget resolution that starts the reconciliation process would be a sufficient first step. If I had to guess, I would expect that the House would wait until after committees report their reconciliation bills on September 15 to take up the bipartisan infrastructure bill.

- **No guarantee that reconciliation bill will include the total \$3.5 trillion in new spending and tax cuts** – The reconciliation instructions reflect the maximum cost of the possible package, and it's likely the resulting legislation will not reach that total based on objections by two centrist Democrats, Senators Krysten Sinema (AZ) and Joe Manchin (WV). They supported the budget resolution with the reconciliation instructions but have expressed concerns about the total cost. Each of the Senate committees that received reconciliation instructions will draft legislation with an eye to what can get 50 Democratic votes in the Senate, so each will be balancing the needs of progressive and fiscally conservative Democrats when they decide what to include and whether certain provisions will be scaled back from their original plans. This could mean some education and other items are entirely excluded or that some are included at lower cost than what the President proposed. Committees will be working on their reconciliation bills throughout the summer, and will hold markups to report the bills by the September 15 deadline set by the budget resolution.

## II. Events

- **CEF gala on September 28 outdoors at Due South-Dockside** – CEF's Gala this year will be a hybrid in-person/livestreamed event outdoors along Washington's waterfront on Tuesday, September 28. For those who want to attend in person, we are selling tickets and sponsorships for a networking reception with appetizers and drinks at Due South [Dockside](#) (see below for details).
  - **Due South-Dockside** – Dockside is an outdoor venue with a [canopied section of the wide dock along the Anacostia River](#) that is reached via stairs or a gradual ramp along the right of Due South ([301 Water Street, SE, Washington, DC](#)). It is 4 short blocks (0.3 miles) from the Navy Yard metro station and there are parking garages nearby, along with scarce street parking.
  - **Award ceremony with Senator Markey will also be live-streamed for free** -- After the reception, starting at 6:30pm we'll livestream the award ceremony and speeches available to anyone online for free. One of the honorees selected by CEF membership, [Senator Ed Markey \(D-MA\)](#), will be attending and accepting CEF's [William H. Natcher Distinguished Service Award](#); we are waiting to hear back from the other two honorees. We'll provide the free link for the livestream closer to the date.
  - **Tickets and sponsorships** - Individual tickets are for sale for \$100 on [CEF's website](#) or by emailing [RSVP@CEF.org](mailto:RSVP@CEF.org) to be sent an invoice (please include the names of those attending, their organization, email, and number of tickets you want). Gala sponsorship information is online [here](#). The venue's capacity is limited to 150 and more than two-thirds of the tickets have already been sold, so if you want to attend, please don't delay in getting your tickets!
- **CEF's upcoming schedule -**
  - **Tomorrow - August 12. 4:30-6:30pm** - CEF Happy Hour outdoors at The Admiral – 1 Dupont Circle, NW.

- **August Fridays** – no CEF Friday meetings during August/congressional recess. We'll keep you informed via email about any education funding-related action.
- **Friday, September 10** – 9:30-10:45 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker TBD.