



Thursday, August 29, 2019

Thanks to those who have already sponsored CEF's 2019 Gala!

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

Star Student: **Just added: Lumina Foundation.** American Continental Group; American Council on Education (ACE); National Education Association.

Dean's List: **Just added: National Coalition for Literacy.** AASA/ Consortium for School Networking/National School Boards Association; American Library Association (ALA); CASE/MRM Associates; Council for Opportunity in Education (COE); National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU); National PTA/NACAC; Title IV-A Coalition.

Honor Roll: American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME); Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU); Bose Public Affairs Group; Council of Chief State School Officers; National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS); National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA); National Association of Secondary School Principals/National Association of Elementary School Principals/American Federation of School Administrators; National Council for Community and Education Partnerships (NCCEP); Women in Government Relations.

I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **Where we are with FY 2020 appropriations** – It's still congressional recess through next week but as folks are returning from vacation and turning to the pressing work remaining this fall, we thought it would be helpful to provide a short update of the status and outlook for fiscal year (FY) 2020 appropriations for education.
 - **House action and new NDD caps** – The House has passed 10 of the 12 government funding bills, including the Labor-HHS-Education bill. That bill is \$11.8 billion above the current FY 2019 level, including a \$5.1 billion (7.2%) increase for the Department of Education. However, the House assumed a FY 2020 total for non-defense discretionary (NDD) programs that was \$10 billion above the level Congress later enacted in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019, which raised the defense and NDD caps for both FY 2020 and FY 2021. The enacted NDD level For FY 2020 is \$25 billion above the FY 2019 level.
 - **Senate expectations** – The Senate hasn't produced any of its bills, but Senate Appropriations Committee Chair Richard Shelby (R-AL) has divided the new discretionary total among the 12 subcommittees, and the earliest we expect to see the individual bill totals is when the first subcommittee bill is produced. That maybe the week of September 9, and it's possible that the first to be marked up will be the Labor-HHS-Education bill, followed by the Defense and the Energy and Water bill. Chairman Shelby has talked of packaging those three bills together for Senate floor consideration. We expect the Senate Labor-HHS-Education bill to have much less funding than the House bill because the NDD

total is less than the House total, the Senate is reportedly preparing to use a significant chunk of the NDD increase for a border wall, and the new agreement on the caps provided less funding for the biennial census outside the caps which may mean more capped NDD funding is needed for the census than the House assumed. (The CEF Update of August 9 spells out in detail the rationale for what we expect.)

- **CEF's actions** – This year we have consistently and repeatedly asked Congress to raise the NDD caps, to provide a larger allocation for the Labor-HHS-Education bill, and to use more of that funding on education programs. We shared that message with 41 congressional offices on CEF's Hill Advocacy Day in July, wrote letters of support for the [deal to raise spending caps](#) and for the [House Labor-HHS-Education funding bill](#). We also wrote to Senate Appropriations Committee chair Shelby in a letter signed by 5 Alabama educators asking for a meeting to express the importance of education investments and to provide the maximum increase for the FY 2020 Labor-HHS-Education bill. We will continue to follow up!
- **Slides and information from last week's CEF research briefing on special education** – Thank you to those who participated in and attended last week's research briefing on special education. The information was fantastic and very helpful. The presenters' slides are attached, which provide a wealth of background information about the program and specifics about funding formulas. In addition, Noelle Ellerson Ng with AASA mentioned the role Medicaid plays in providing services in schools to students with disabilities; you can find more information about that [here](#).
- **Welcome to new CEF member Learning Policy Institute** – We are pleased that the [Learning Policy Institute](#) (LPI) has just joined CEF. LPI conducts research to advance evidence-based policies to improve education across the continuum from pre-K through post-secondary education and career readiness.

II. CEF Gala and Legislative Conference on September 18

- **Less than three weeks until the gala!** – Thanks to the organizations listed above that have already purchased sponsorships to CEF's 50th anniversary gala and legislative conference on September 18! As a reminder, this year CEF's gala is at a great new location and will feature a seated dinner and awards ceremony following a reception at the [InterContinental-The Wharf](#) in DC's southwest waterfront neighborhood. CEF's gala is the once-a-year opportunity for the education community to come together for an enjoyable evening that honors champions of education; tickets also include attendance at the legislative conference in the afternoon. The gala is also a fundraiser for CEF – the only one we hold all year.
- **How to become a sponsor or purchase individual tickets** - We encourage you to sign up now to be a sponsor or to buy individual tickets – the venue has a maximum seating capacity and we don't want anyone to miss out because they waited to get a ticket at the last minute. You can purchase sponsorships or tickets by contacting the CEF staff, or you can purchase them directly on CEF's website [here](#). Information about the benefits of each sponsorship category is shared [here](#) – we are happy to answer any questions.
- **Hill/Administration staff guests** – As in the past, you may buy tickets for Hill or Administration staff whom you'd like CEF to invite to join you at the gala; those staffers will be seated with you for the dinner and awards ceremony. To comply with ethics rules, as the sponsor of the event, CEF must

issue the invitation to Hill and Administration staff on your behalf. Once you let us know who you'd like us to invite we'll keep you informed of all responses and encourage you to follow up after the initial invitation from CEF.

III. Events

- **CEF's upcoming schedule** – Even though Congress will still be in recess next week, we're restarting our Friday morning meetings because it's been a long time since we were together and we'll be getting ready to talk about appropriations again!
 - **Friday, August 30** – no CEF meeting during congressional recess.
 - **Friday, September 6**, 9-11 a.m., at AACTE (1307 New York Ave, NW). Guest speaker: Joshua Delaney, Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA).
 - **Friday, September 13**, 9-11 a.m., at AACTE (1307 New York Ave, NW). Guest speaker: Abbas Alawieh, Rep. Andy Levin (D-MI).
 - **Wednesday, September 18**, legislative conference and gala – see details above about the event and how to buy tickets.
 - **Friday, September 20** – No CEF meeting.
 - **Friday, September 27**, 9-11 a.m. Quarterly Committee meetings at University of California (1608 Rhode Island Ave, NW).
 - **Wednesday, October 2** – Our Presidential Forum has been rescheduled, and will now take place on Monday, November 4. More details to follow.
 - **Friday, October 4** – No CEF meeting during congressional recess.
 - **Friday, October 11** – No CEF meeting during congressional recess.