



Monday, September 9, 2019

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

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

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

Dean's List: 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 Coalition for Literacy; National PTA/NACAC; Title IV-A Coalition.

Honor Roll: **Just added: National Indian Education Association.** 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

- **Senate subcommittee to mark up FY 2020 Labor-HHS-Education bill tomorrow** – The Senate's fiscal year (FY) 2020 appropriations process goes public on Tuesday morning with the first two Appropriations subcommittee markups: the Defense Subcommittee marks up its bill at 10am and the Labor-HHS-Education Subcommittee marks up at 11:30am in 124 Dirksen Senate Office Building (both markups will be webcast with only audio). In an effort to get as much done as possible before the October 1 start of FY 2020, the Senate Appropriations Committee is setting an ambitious and unusual schedule that will bypass subcommittee markups for both the State-Foreign Operations bill and the Energy and Water bills. Those two bills and the Defense and Labor-HHS-Education bill are scheduled to be marked up in full Committee on Thursday at 10:30am. The Committee is also slated to vote then on the "302(b)" allocations that give each of the 12 subcommittee the total they can spend. We expect this will be a contentious markup because we anticipate that Democrats will not be satisfied with the allocation of non-defense discretionary (NDD) funding. Although the allocations are not yet public, we're hearing that Labor-HHS-Education and Transportation-HUD may not get as much as Democrats want, while Homeland Security may have a significant increase for building a border wall. Last year the bills had bipartisan support, and neither side offered "poison pill" policy riders during committee debate. That may not be the case this year, although when Congress negotiated the budget agreement this summer that raised the discretionary caps, there was an informal agreement reached not to push such policy riders on the appropriations bills.

- We expect the Senate Labor-HHS-Education bill to have significantly less funding than the House version because the total amount of NDD funding for all twelve bills is less than the total the House assumed this spring, 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.
- **What we'll know on Tuesday about the Senate's education funding levels** – We do not expect the Subcommittee to release the bill text or report language explaining the funding levels for each program. What we'll likely see is a press release from Chairman Blunt that hits what he considers to be the high points of the bill, which will probably include some program-specific and account-specific totals. We will update and share with you our funding table with as much information as we can confirm, and fill in the rest as soon as we see funding levels for each program.
- **What will happen next with appropriations** – Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Shelby (R-AL) has talked of packaging the Defense, Labor-HHS-Education, and possibly other bills together for Senate floor consideration. Based on Thursday's announced markup, it's likely that he plans to bring a package of all four bills to the Senate floor the week of September 16. That will only occur if there is support from 60 Senators – something that might not happen if the funding levels in the Labor-HHS-Education bill are lower than what Democrats support. The House has passed 10 of the 12 appropriations bills, and is now planning to debate an extension of current funding – a continuing resolution, or "CR" – the week of September 16. That is an acknowledgement that Congress will not have passed final versions of all government funding bills by the September 30th expiration of current funding. But even passing a CR may not be easy or straightforward; the Administration has reportedly submitted of "anomalies" for additional funding that it wants in the bill that includes language allowing construction of a southern border wall beyond the area currently authorized and funded, among many other items. The Administration is assuming a CR runs through mid-December but Democratic House leaders have suggested a CR that ends before Thanksgiving.
- **Administration plan to transfer \$3.6 billion of military construction funding to build a border wall** – Last week, the Administration announced plans to use \$3.6 billion appropriated for 127 Department of Defense (DOD) military construction projects – including DOD schools and child care centers – to instead construct 175 miles of new or reconstructed border wall. The Administration is using its authority under the national emergency the President previously announced to divert already appropriated defense spending. The Administration has said the projects Congress had supported will be delayed and not canceled – as long as Congress provides new funding for them with FY 2020 funding. Democratic Congressional leaders strongly opposed the Administration's decision to transfer funding that Congress had appropriated for specific military construction projects, among them half a billion dollars for renovating and building schools and child care centers on military installations in the U.S. and abroad.
- **Information on Public Charge rule's potential effects on immigrant students** – CEF member the National Association of School Psychologists has a new [webpage](#) with information about the final rule on Public Charge – referring to individuals who rely on the government for their main source of support – and how it might affect immigrant children and schools.

II. CEF Gala and Legislative Conference on September 18

- **Less than two 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

- **“Afterschool Programs and a Trauma Informed Approach” briefing on Wednesday** – CEF members the Afterschool Alliance and YMCA, along with others and the Senate Afterschool Caucus are hosting a briefing on trauma-informed care in afterschool programs on Wednesday, September 11, 2-3pm in 385 Russell Senate Office Building. Please RSVP [here](#).
- **CEF’s schedule for the next month –**
 - **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.