



Thursday, September 16, 2021

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

**Star Student:** American Council on Education (ACE); American Library Association (ALA); Council for Opportunity in Education (COE); National Education Association (NEA).

**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:** American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME); 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

- **Next steps for FY 2022 appropriations and the reconciliation package** – Now that House committees have completed their markups of their reconciliation proposals, the next step is for the House Budget Committee to package them into one reconciliation bill and send it to the Rules Committee. We expect that to happen next week, but then public progress is likely to halt for a while. Instead, House and Senate leadership, in consultation with the committees that received reconciliation instructions, will negotiate behind the scenes to pull together a reconciliation bill that is not as expensive or expansive that can garner the support of all 50 Senate Democrats as well as virtually all House Democrats – no Republicans are expected to vote for the reconciliation package. Progressives don't want to jettison long-sought policies included in the bill but some moderates have balked at the current price tag. It's likely to take weeks, if not months, before we see a new version of the bill, which would go to the Senate floor first before coming to the House for a vote. Meanwhile, fiscal year (FY) 2021 ends on September 30 and Congress has not passed any final FY 2022 appropriations bills, so it will need to pass a continuing resolution (CR) extending current government funding. The House hopes to pass a CR next week; it will likely include disaster relief as well as other emergency funding, and may also include an increase in the debt ceiling – something Congress must do some time in the next month. Including the debt ceiling legislation will make the CR harder to pass, as Republicans have stated they will not vote to raise or suspend the debt ceiling. Assuming the government doesn't shut down and the US does not default on its obligations because it reaches the debt limit, there will be a couple more months while Congress works on FY 2022 appropriations bills, including the Labor-HHS-Education funding bill.

## II. Advocacy

- **Publicizing CEF's FY 2022 Budget Book to advocate for education investments** – Each year when we release CEF's education budget book we provide it first to CEF members as a member benefit and to congressional staff before making it publicly available later in the year. CEF members and congressional staff have had access to CEF's FY 2022 budget book since [the Zoom briefing in July](#), and the book's charts are available in downloadable form on [CEF's budget book page](#). Now we are going to make the entire book publicly available as part of our ongoing advocacy in support of the immediate and long-term education investments currently under discussion in Congress.
  - Next week on Wednesday, September 22, we'll place the budget book on CEF's web site and promote it on social media and with congressional staff while Congress continues to work on FY 2022 appropriations (the House-passed bill contains unprecedented increases for education programs) and on the reconciliation bill that invests hundreds of billions of dollars along the education continuum. These transformative investments would have long-term impacts on learning and teaching, from early education to higher education, career technical and adult education, and out-of-school educational services.
  - The budget book is not only a repository of information about current and proposed education funding, it's also filled with vignettes and analysis about the impact of federal education funding and the need for greater support. Thanks to the work of all the CEF members who wrote articles, it's a great advocacy tool.
  - We encourage CEF members to share the book with your grassroots membership, the public, and those you work with in Congress. On Monday we'll share sample social media posts and materials that you can use on Wednesday, when we publish the budget book.

## III. Events

- **Reminder: 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). All three of the honorees that CEF's members selected have confirmed.
  - **Due South-Dockside** – Dockside (301 Water Street, SE, Washington, DC) is an outdoor venue with a [canopied section of the wide dock along the Anacostia River](#) that is reached via steps on either side of Due South to the dock at river level, or a ramp approach on the far right side of Due South. It is 4 short blocks (0.3 miles) from the Navy Yard metro station and there is ample paid parking nearby (The Yards Lot Q at 4th and Water Streets SE is \$2/hour).
  - **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. Senator Ed Markey (D-MA) will be attending and accepting CEF's William H. Natcher Distinguished Service Award. House Education and Labor Committee chair Bobby Scott (D-VA) will be awarded the James O'Hara award and Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY) will be awarded the Natcher award, as well. 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 organizations, email, and number of tickets you want). Gala sponsorship information is online [here](#). More than 90% of the venue's capacity of 150 tickets has already been sold, so if you want to attend, please don't delay in getting your tickets!

- **CEF's upcoming schedule -**

- **Tomorrow - Friday, September 17** – 9:30-10:45 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speakers: Katie Berger, Melissa Bellin, others from the House Education and Labor Committee Democratic staff.
- **Wednesday, September 22** – CEF's FY 2022 education budget book goes on the public CEF website (detailed social media plan coming on Monday).
- **Friday, September 24** – 9:30-11:00 a.m. ET, [Zoom quarterly committee meeting](#) – this is your chance to help plan CEF activities for the rest of this year and set next year's agenda.
- **Tuesday, September 28** – 5:00-8:00 p.m. ET, CEF Gala! See details above.
- **Friday, October 1** – no CEF Friday meeting.
- **Friday, October 8** -- 9:30-10:45 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker TBD.
- **Friday, October 15** - no CEF Friday meeting.
- **Friday, October 22** – 9:30-10:45 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker TBD.