



Wednesday, September 22, 2021

Thanks to those sponsoring CEF's 2021 Gala!

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

- **House passes CR through December 3 that Senate is unlikely to pass – Fiscal year (FY) 2021 ends in 8 days and Congress is having trouble agreeing on how to extend government funding while it continues to work on full-year FY 2022 appropriations bills.** Last night on a party-line vote, Democrats in the House passed a continuing resolution (CR) extending current funding until December 3; the bill also suspends the debt ceiling until December 2022 and includes emergency funding for disaster relief and resettlement assistance for displaced Afghans. The bill requires 60 votes to pass in the Senate (to end a potential filibuster), but Republicans have vowed not to support an increase in or suspension of the debt ceiling – something that will have to happen in the next month or the US will no longer be able to borrow and will begin to default on its obligations, with catastrophic economic repercussions. Yesterday Senate Republicans released their own CR, which does not address the debt ceiling and contains foreign aid funding that progressive Democrats oppose. How this faceoff ends is uncertain, but nobody wants to shut down the government on October 1, and Congress clearly needs more time to work on FY 2022 appropriations bills, as the Senate has not agreed on how to allocate funding among the 12 government funding bills.
- **Reconciliation and bipartisan infrastructure framework also at a stalemate in the House**
– Progressive and moderate Democrats in the House continue to disagree on the sequencing of passing the bipartisan infrastructure framework that the Senate has already passed and a larger reconciliation bill containing “human” infrastructure investments – including hundreds of billions for education and related programs. House leadership previously committed to bringing the infrastructure bill to the floor for a vote by Monday, September 27. However, progressives say they

won't vote for that bill unless they can also vote for the reconciliation bill, which will not be ready by Monday. In fact, the reconciliation bill is likely weeks away, as Democrats negotiate behind the scenes to possibly pare back the size of the House committee proposals to garner support from all the Senate Democrats, some of whom have balked at the price tag.

- **Staff change at the House Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee – Jared Bass has left the House Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee Democratic staff to be Senior Director for higher education at the Center for American Progress.** Philip Tizzani, who has been handling K-12 education for the Subcommittee, is now also taking on the higher education portfolio.

II. Advocacy

- **CEF's FY 2022 Budget Book is on the public CEF website** – This morning we placed our education budget on [CEF's budget book webpage](#) for all to access, and are publicizing it as an advocacy tool on Twitter (see the CEF Update from 9.21.21 for sample tweets and more information). We encourage CEF members to share the book with your grassroots membership, the public, and those you work with in Congress. The book is filled with vignettes and analysis about the impact of federal education funding and the need for greater support, which is particularly useful now while Congress debates proposed education funding increases as part of FY 2022 appropriations and longer term education investments in a reconciliation package.

III. Events

- **Next Tuesday! 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 at Due South [Dockside](#) on Tuesday, September 28. I'll send a separate Update later this week with gala logistics, including links to the program and the livestream of the awards ceremony. We'll be using #CEFGala to share photos on Twitter and Instagram.
 - **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).
 - **Livestream of award ceremony with Senator Markey will be free at this link on Tuesday evening** – After a networking reception from 6-6:30pm, we will livestream an award ceremony and speeches starting at 6:30pm 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.
 - **Tickets** - Individual tickets are for sale for \$100 on [CEF's website](#) or by emailing RSVP@CEF.org to be sent an invoice (please include the names of those attending, their organizations, email, and number of tickets you want). There are still a few tickets left!
- **CEF's upcoming schedule** -

- **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.