

Thursday, October 10, 2019

I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **Proposed FY 2020 funding for most of the largest Education Department programs is just at or below 2011 level in real terms** – Current funding for almost all the Department of Education’s biggest programs is below the fiscal year (FY) 2011 level in inflation-adjusted terms, and even the increases for FY 2020 in the House-passed funding bill do not bring many of the programs up to their 2011 levels in real terms. The attached two-page table covers the programs that are more than \$1 billion except for Title IV-A (which did not exist in 2011) and Pell grants (a program where the dollars provided for a given year do not necessarily correlate to the amount of aid provided that year). I chose FY 2011 as the starting point because, as shown in the attached chart, that year was the Department of Education highest total discretionary funding until FY 2018. Most of these eight big programs actually had higher funding in FY 2012 than in FY 2011, so this analysis is not picking the highest possible starting point from which to measure. The analysis does not measure growth in the population or growth in need for funding; it just shows how far Congress still has to go to bring most of these programs back to the level of purchasing power they had in FY 2011.
 - **Current FY 2019 funding for six of the eight programs is below the inflation-adjusted 2011 level.** They are:
 - **Title I state grants**
 - **IDEA Part B state grants**
 - **Impact Aid**
 - **Title II – Supporting Effective Instruction state grants**
 - **21st Century Community Learning Centers**
 - **Career and Technical Education state grants**
 - **Only two of the biggest programs are above their FY 2011 level in real, inflation-adjusted terms.**
 - **Federal Work Study** is just 0.9% above its FY 2011 level
 - **Federal TRIO program** is 12% above its FY 2011 level
 - **FY 2020 funding bills do not substantially restore purchasing power to most of the programs** – The attached table shows that even the more generous House-passed FY 2020 Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill does not bring three of the eight programs back to their 2011 levels in real terms, and the FY 2020 proposal released in the Senate puts only the Federal TRIO program above its FY 2011 level.
- **Final reminder: Survey for all CEF members, including those who did not attend the gala or conference** – We would appreciate your feedback on CEF’s gala and legislative conference, and if you did not attend, it would be helpful if you could tell us why. Your input is very useful, including what you thought went well as well as any suggestions to improve both events. If you haven’t already, please take a moment to complete the brief, anonymous survey [here](#). Thank you!

II. Advocacy

- **CEF letter to Senators expressing concern with FY 2020 education funding proposal** – Tomorrow CEF will be sending a letter to all Senators expressing our concern that the FY 2020 Labor-HHS-Education funding proposal released in the Senate last month does benefit from the increased non-

defense discretionary funding provided under this summer's budget deal. Instead, total funding for the bill is virtually frozen at the FY 2019 level despite an overall \$27 billion increase in available non-defense discretionary funding, and net discretionary resources for the Department of Education are cut below the FY 2019 level.

- **Scheduling CEF Hill meetings for October** – CEF is going to schedule meetings with the offices of members of the Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittees for the coming weeks in an effort to encourage the highest possible education funding levels in whatever FY 2020 funding agreement is ultimately produced. Once the meetings are set we'll send information to Hill Teams and Advocacy Committee members with a link to sign up for meetings that you'd like to attend. If you are not a member of the Hill Teams and Advocacy Committee but would like to join, please send me an email and we'll add you to the distribution list.

III. Events

- **National Principals Month briefing on October 17** – CEF Members the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the National Association of Elementary School Principals, and the American Federation of School Administrators are sponsoring a lunch briefing on the “Principal Pipelines, Not Just a Pipe Dream” on October 17, 11:30am-1pm in 902 Hart Senate Office Building. The briefing will feature principals, researchers and other practitioners sharing knowledge of the importance of pipelines as a proper form of principal preparation, and how the federal government can support states as they implement these pipelines. Click [here](#) to register for the event.
- **AERA *Brown* Lecture in Education Research on October 24** – CEF member the American Educational Research Association is holding its 16th Annual AERA *Brown* Lecture in Educational Research at 6pm at the Ronald Reagan Building. The lecture, “*A Shade Less Offensive: School Integration as Radical Inclusion in the Pursuit of Educational Equity*,” will be given by Prudence Carter of the Graduate School of Education at the University of California, Berkeley. Click [here](#) to register.
- **CEF's upcoming schedule** –
 - **Tomorrow - Friday, October 11** – No CEF meeting during congressional recess.
 - **Friday, October 18** – 9-11 a.m. at AACTE (1307 New York Ave, NW). Guest speaker TBD.
 - **Friday, October 25** – 9-11 a.m. at AACTE (1307 New York Ave, NW). Guest speakers: Alex Keenan and Mark Laisch, Senate Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Democratic staff.
 - **Friday, November 1** – 9-11 a.m. at AACTE (1307 New York Ave, NW). Guest speaker. Jordan Sciascia, Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA).