

Legislative Update

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Today's Agenda

- **Talking Points**
 - Telling your District's Story
 - Budget and Appropriations
 - Infrastructure
 - Impact Aid Coalition
 - Impact Aid Vouchers

- **Continuing your Advocacy**

Telling your District's Story

- Many staff may not know much or anything about Impact Aid
 - Be ready to educate them on the purpose and overview of the program
 - Use details from your own district to illustrate the importance of the funding
 - If applicable, demonstrate the difference between your actual funding and your full funding amount – this will illustrate the need for increased funding
- Even staff who are well versed on the issue may not know about all parts of the program
 - Use the state databases to illustrate each funding stream
 - If your district receives Children With Disabilities (CWD) funding, be sure to emphasize both how important that funding is and how little of the actual cost of educating these students is covered by IDEA and CWD



TALKING POINTS: YOUR DISTRICT'S STORY

- **Tell the specifics of your federal impactation – your school community and the financial impacts.**
 - Be clear about the difference between your current funding and what full funding would look like for your district, especially if you are a mid-to-low LOT district.
- **If your district receives Children With Disabilities funding, tell them about your special education population, services, and costs.**
 - Emphasize the gap between your IDEA and CWD funding and the actual costs of educating these students.

Appropriations

President's Request

- As in past years, President Trump's budget
 - Eliminates Federal Property
 - Level-funds all other sections
- Cuts funding to the Department of Education by 8 percent
- Creates block grant for all other K-12 programs
 - 29 programs consolidated into state block grant
- Increases funding for special education and career and technical education
- Prioritizes school choice through tax credit program



Secretary DeVos on 7002 Elimination

Blunt – “Impact Aid replaces only a portion of what the property tax would have been. Why do you continue to propose eliminating that?”

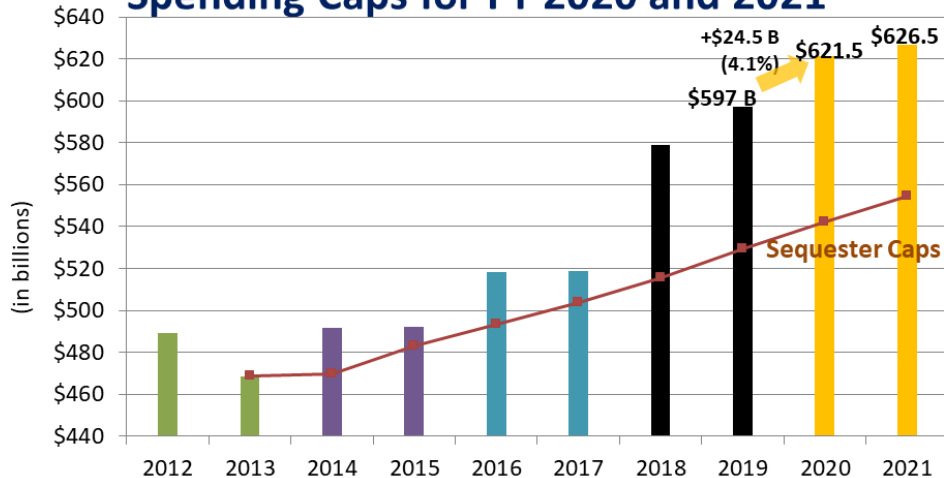
DeVos – “Well, to be clear ... it’s only a portion of the Impact Aid that we’ve suggested eliminating ... The part without students connected to it. I think they’re mostly urban. These are all, Atlanta, New York, Philadelphia, Kansas City, Denver, Seattle, San Francisco, Chicago, and Boston.”

FY 2021 Appropriations

- Budget Caps
 - The threat of sequester is over – we raised the budget caps for FY20 and FY21
 - Non-Defense Discretionary received an extra \$24.5 billion in FY20
 - Will only see an extra \$5 billion in FY21

Budget Deal Raised NDD Caps for FY20 & FY21

Budget Deal Raises Non-Defense Discretionary Spending Caps for FY 2020 and 2021



Actual FY 2012 and 2013

BBA of 2015 (Actual FY 2016 & 2017)

New Budget Deal for FY 2020 & 2021

Murray-Ryan (Actual FY 2014 & 2015)

BBA of 2018 (Actual FY 2018 & 2019)



COMMITTEE FOR
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CEF: 7/23/19

FY19 and FY20 Impact Aid Funding

- **FY19 Funding: +\$32M for Impact Aid**
 - \$31M Basic Support; \$1M Federal Property
- **FY20 Funding: +\$40M for Impact Aid**
 - \$39M Basic Support; \$1M Federal Property
- **FY21 President's Request: -\$75M for Impact Aid**
 - Eliminates Federal Property funding
- **FY21 NAFIS Request: +\$52M for Impact Aid**
 - \$50M Basic Support; \$2M Federal Property



Impact Aid Funding

Section	FY17 Final	FY18 Final	FY19 Final	FY20 Final	FY21 President's Request	FY21 NAFIS Request
Federal Property	\$ 66,813,000	\$ 73,313,000	\$ 74,313,000	\$ 75,313,000	\$ 0	\$ 77,313,000
Basic Support	\$1,191,233,000	\$1,270,242,000	\$1,301,242,000	\$1,340,242,000	\$1,340,242,000	\$1,390,242,000
Disabilities	\$ 48,316,000	\$ 48,316,000	\$ 48,316,000	\$ 48,316,000	\$ 48,316,000	\$ 48,316,000
Construction	\$ 17,406,000	\$ 17,406,000	\$ 17,406,000	\$ 17,406,000	\$ 17,406,000	\$ 17,406,000
Facilities	\$ 4,835,000	\$ 4,835,000	\$ 4,835,000	\$ 4,835,000	\$ 4,835,000	\$ 4,835,000
Total	\$1,328,603,000	\$1,414,112,000	\$1,446,112,000	\$1,486,112,000	\$1,410,799,000	\$1,538,112,000

Dear Colleague Letters

- Letters from Members of Congress to the Appropriations Committee
 - Illustrates the broad and bipartisan support for Impact Aid funding
- House letter closed last week
 - SIGNERS
 - Thank you to all who contacted your Representatives!
- Senate letter closes next week
 - Last year, we got 43 signatures
 - This year, we hope to get even more!



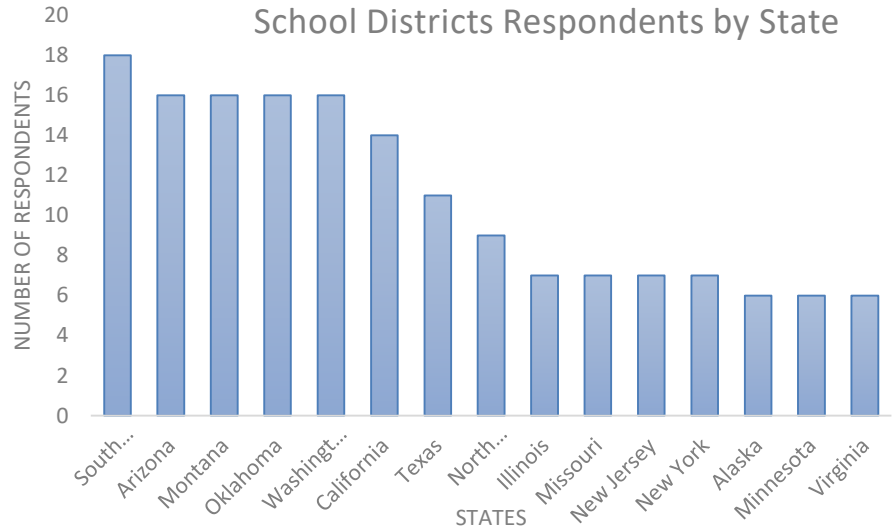
TALKING POINTS: APPROPRIATIONS

- SUPPORT a FY 2021 appropriations increase of \$50 million to Basic Support and \$2 million to Federal Property
 - Use your personal district story to advocate for the increased funding
 - What are your significant funding needs?
- SENATE – ask your Senators to sign the Dear Colleague Impact Aid appropriations letter
 - Democrats – contact Alexandra Lowe-Server (Gillibrand)
 - Republicans – contact Devin Barrett (Inhofe)

Infrastructure

School Facilities Report Overview

- 218 NAFIS member responses
- \$4.2B+ in pressing facility needs



Impact Aid Infrastructure Act (House)

- **H.R. 3647: The Impact Aid Infrastructure Act**
 - Introduced in the House by TJ Cox (D-CA) and Don Young (R-AK)
 - Has 11 total co-sponsors
- **Would add a one-time infusion of \$1 billion to the Impact Aid construction line item**
 - Would run through Impact Aid construction formula – 40% to formula, 60% to competitive



Impact Aid Infrastructure Act (Senate)

- To be introduced by Senator Hirono (D-HI)
 - Indian lands allocations unchanged
 - Military eligibility threshold changed to reflect eligibility for DoD Impact Aid supplemental program
- Looking for a Republican cosponsor

Impact Aid Infrastructure Act Talking Points

- NAFIS has identified over **\$4.2 billion in pressing school facility needs** at NAFIS member school districts.
- Federally impacted school districts have **limited or no bonding capacity** due to the presence of nontaxable Federal property. In recognition of this fact, the Impact Aid law has included a construction line item since its inception.
- This is not a State or local responsibility – the **Federal government already recognizes its responsibility** in federally impacted school districts.
- Federally impacted school districts **need adequate resources** to address health and safety code violations and capacity issues that come with educating students in buildings that are, in some cases, over 100 years old, as well as to ensure all students have access to 21st century learning environments. Impact Aid construction funding falls far short of need.
- The **staffing and management capacity is already in place** at the Department of Education to get funding for shovel-ready projects out the door through any major infrastructure legislation.



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Rebuild America's Schools Act

- Would create a \$100 billion school infrastructure program, including grants and loan assistance available to all public schools.
 - Includes \$500 million to go through the Impact Aid construction line



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TALKING POINTS: INFRASTRUCTURE

- House: CO-SPONSOR the Impact Aid Infrastructure Act
- Senate: CO-SPONSOR Senate companion
- SUPPORT the Rebuild America's Schools Act
- Include schools in a broad infrastructure package
 - We need to make our schools part of the infrastructure conversation!

Impact Aid Coalition



Senate Impact Aid Coalition

Co-Chairs

Crapo, Michael (R-ID)
Enzi, Michael (R-WY)
Hirono, Mazie (D-HI)
Murray, Patty (D-WA)

General Membership

Barrasso, John (R-WY)
Bennet, Michael (D-CO)
Brown, Sherrod (D-OH)
Cantwell, Maria (D-WA)
Cornyn, John (R-TX)
Cramer, Kevin (R-ND)
Daines, Steve (R-MT)
Durbin, Richard (D-IL)
Feinstein, Dianne (D-CA)
Fischer, Deb (R-NE)
Gillibrand, Kirsten (D-NY)
Hoeven, John (R-ND)
Inhofe, Jim (R-OK)
Kaine, Tim (D-VA)
Klobuchar, Amy (D-MN)
McConnell, Mitch (R-KY)

Menendez, Robert (D-NJ)
Murkowski, Lisa (R-AK)
Peters, Gary (D-MI)
Reed, Jack (D-RI)
Risch, James (R-ID)
Rounds, Mike (R-SD)
Schatz, Brian (D-HI)
Schumer, Charles (D-NY)
Sinema, Kyrsten (D-AZ)
Stabenow, Debbie (D-MI)
Tester, Jon (D-MT)
Thune, John (R-SD)
Udall, Tom (D-NM)
Whitehouse, Sheldon (D-RI)



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House Impact Aid Coalition

Co-Chairs

Davis, Susan (D-CA)

Newhouse, Dan (R-WA)

Steering Committee

Pallone, Frank (D-NJ)

Scott, Bobby (D-VA)

Smith, Chris (R-NJ)

Young, Don (R-AK)

General Membership

Amodei, Mark (R-NV)

Armstrong, Kelly (R-ND)

Bacon, Don (R-NE)

Bishop, Sanford (D-GA)

Bost, Mike (R-IL)

Brindisi, Anthony (D-NY)

Brownley, Julia (D-CA)

Bucshon, Larry (R-IN)

Burgess, Michael (R-TX)

Butterfield, G. K. (D-NC)

Calvert, Ken (R-CA)

Carson, André (D-IN)

Carter, Buddy (R-GA)

Carter, John (R-TX)

Castro, Joaquin (D-TX)

Cheney, Liz (R-WY)

Cicilline, David (D-RI)

Clyburn, James (D-SC)

Cole, Tom (R-OK)

Connolly, Gerald (D-VA)

Cook, Paul (R-CA)

Courtney, Joseph (D-CT)

Cox, TJ (D-CA)

Cuellar, Henry (D-TX)

Davis, Danny (D-IL)

DeFazio, Peter (D-OR)

DelBene, Suzan (D-WA)

Doggett, Lloyd (D-TX)

Fortenberry, Jeff (R-NE)

Foster, Bill (D-IL)

Gabbard, Tulsi (D-HI)

Gosar, Paul (R-AZ)

Gottheimer, Josh (D-NJ)

Granger, Kay (R-TX)

Graves, Sam (R-MO)

Grijalva, Raúl (D-AZ)

Guthrie, Brett (R-KY)

Guest, Michael (R-MS)

Hartzler, Vicky (R-MO)



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House Impact Aid Coalition

Heck, Dennis (D-WA)

Horn, Kendra (R-OK)

Hoyer, Steny (D-MD)

Huffman, Jared (D-CA)

Hunter, Duncan (R-CA)

Johnson, Dusty (R-SD)

Kilmer, Derek (D-WA)

Kirkpatrick, Ann (D-AZ)

Lamborn, Doug (R-CO)

Langevin, Jim (D-RI)

Larsen, Rick (D-WA)

Lee, Barbara (D-CA)

Lipinski, Daniel (D-IL)

Lowenthal, Alan (D-CA)

Lowey, Nita (D-NY)

Lujan, Ben Ray (D-NM)

Lucas, Frank (R-OK)

Maloney, Sean Patrick (D-NY)

McCarthy, Kevin (R-CA)

McMorris Rodgers, Cathy (R-WA)

Mullin, Markwayne (R-OK)

Norcross, Donald (D-NJ)

Norton, Eleanor (D-DC)

Nunes, Devin (R-CA)

Payne Jr., Donald (D-NJ)

Pascrell, William (D-NJ)

Peters, Scott (D-CA)

Peterson, Collin (D-MN)

O'Halleran, Tom (D-AZ)

Rogers, Michael (R-AL)

Rouda, Harley (D-CA)

Rush, Bobby (D-IL)

Ryan, Tim (D-OH)

Sarbanes, John (D-MD)

Schneider, Brad (D-IL)

Schrier, Kim (D-WA)

Shimkus, John (R-IL)

Simpson, Mike (R-ID)

Sires, Albio (D-NJ)

Smith, Adam (D-WA)

Smith, Jason (R-MO)

Stefanik, Elise (R-NY)

Thompson, Mike (D-CA)

Turner, Mike (R-OH)

Walden, Greg (R-OR)

Williams, Roger (R-TX)

Wittman, Robert (R-VA)



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Talking Points: Impact Aid Coalitions

JOIN or MAINTAIN membership in House & Senate Impact Aid Coalitions

Contact Leslie at leslie@nafisdc.org to join!

Impact Aid Vouchers



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Education Savings Accounts for Military Families Act of 2019

- Education Savings Accounts for Military Families Act of 2019
 - House – Introduced by Rep. Banks (IN)
 - Senate – Introduced by Senators Sasse (NE), Scott (SC), Cotton (AR)
- Would provide \$6,000 per year for military connected children for most any educational expense
 - As long as the student does not attend public school full-time and attended public school for at least 100 consecutive days of the previous school year
- Written as an amendment to Title VII of ESSA - Impact Aid
 - The Impact Aid Title
- \$1.2 billion authorization
 - No Pay-For
 - Written to be another line item in Impact Aid appropriations

Education Savings Accounts for Military Families Act of 2019

- The good news:
 - The bills did not make it into the NDAA
 - Little chance of moving elsewhere this year
- The bad news:
 - The Heritage Foundation is including co-sponsorship in their legislator scorecard
 - The Senate bill has 6 co-sponsors
 - The House bill has 88 co-sponsors



Co-Sponsors by State

Alabama:

Rep. Brooks, Mo (R-5)

Rep. Byrne, Bradley (R-1)

Arizona:

Sen. Cotton, Tom (R)

Rep. Biggs, Andy (R-5)

Rep. Gosar, Paul (R-4)

Rep. Lesko, Debbie (R-8)

Rep. Schweikert, David (R-6)

Arkansas:

Rep. Crawford, Rick (R-1)

California:

Rep. LaMalfa, Doug (R-1)

Rep. McClintock, Tom (R-4)

Colorado:

Rep. Buck, Ken (R-4)

Rep. Lamborn, Doug (R-5)

Florida:

Sen. Rick Scott (R)

Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. (R-12)

Rep. Dunn, Neal P. (R-2)

Rep. Gaetz, Matt (R-1)

Rep. Mast, Brian J. (R-18)

Rep. Posey, Bill (R-8)

Rep. Waltz, Michael (R-6)

Rep. Webster, Daniel (R-11)

Rep. Yoho, Ted S. (R-3)

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Rep. Allen, Rick W. (R-12)

Rep. Graves, Tom (R-14)

Rep. Loudermilk, Barry (R-11)

Rep. Scott, Austin (R-8)

Idaho:

Rep. Fulcher, Russ (R-1)

Indiana:

Sen. Mike Braun (R)

Rep. Baird, James R. (R-4)

Rep. Brooks, Susan W. (R-5)

Rep. Bucshon, Larry (R-8)

Kansas:

Rep. Estes, Ron (R-4)

Rep. Marshall, Roger W. (R-1)

Rep. Watkins, Steve (R-2)

Kentucky:

Rep. Barr, Andy (R-6)

Rep. Comer, James (R-1)

Rep. Guthrie, Brett (R-2)

Louisiana:

Rep. Abraham, Ralph Lee (R-5)

Rep. Scalise, Steve (R-1)

Maryland:

Rep. Harris, Andy (R-1)

Michigan:

Rep. Huizenga, Bill (R-2)

Rep. Mitchell, Paul (R-10)

Rep. Moolenaar, John R. (R-4)

Minnesota:

Rep. Hagedorn, Jim (R-1)



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Mississippi

Rep. Kelly, Trent (R-1)

Rep. Palazzo, Steven M. (R-4)

Missouri:

Rep. Long, Billy (R-7)

Rep. Smith, Jason (R-8)

Rep. Wagner, Ann (R-2)

New York:

Rep. Zeldin, Lee M. (R-1)

North Carolina:

Rep. Bishop, Dan (R-9)

Rep. Budd, Ted (R-13)

Rep. Holding, George (R-2)

Rep. Hudson, Richard (R-8)

Rep. Meadows, Mark (R-11)

Rep. Rouzer, David (R-7)

Rep. Walker, Mark (R-6)

Ohio:

Rep. Chabot, Steve (R-1)

Rep. Gibbs, Bob (R-7)

Rep. Jordan, Jim (R-4)

Rep. Latta, Robert E. (R-5)

Rep. Stivers, Steve (R-15)

Rep. Wenstrup, Brad R. (R-2)

Oklahoma:

Rep. Cole, Tom (R-4)

Rep. Hern, Kevin (R-1)

Pennsylvania:

Rep. Joyce, John (R-13)

Rep. Meuser, Daniel (R-9)

Rep. Perry, Scott (R-10)

Co-Sponsors by State

South Carolina

Sen. Tim Scott (R)

Rep. Duncan, Jeff (R-3)

Rep. Norman, Ralph (R-5)

Rep. Rice, Tom (R-7)

Tennessee:

Sen. Marsha Blackburn (R)

Rep. Burchett, Tim (R-2)

Rep. DesJarlais, Scott (R-4)

Rep. Green, Mark E. (R-7)

Rep. Kustoff, David (R-8)

Texas:

Sen. Ted Cruz (R)

Rep. Burgess, Michael C. (R-26)

Rep. Crenshaw, Dan (R-2)

Rep. Flores, Bill (R-17)

Rep. Gooden, Lance (R-5)

Rep. Marchant, Kenny (R-24)

Rep. Olson, Pete (R-22)

Rep. Ratcliffe, John (R-4)

Rep. Taylor, Van (R-3)

Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. (R-14)

Utah:

Rep. Curtis, John R. (R-UT-3)

Virginia:

Rep. Cline, Ben (R-6)

Rep. Riggleman, Denver (R-5)

Rep. Wittman, Robert J. (R-1)

West Virginia:

Rep. Miller, Carol D. (R-3)

Rep. Mooney, Alexander X. (R-2)



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Continuing your Advocacy

Advocacy is a marathon

- **Advocacy is not a one-time thing**
 - Follow up on your meetings tomorrow
- **You don't have to be in DC to advocate**
 - Calls and emails will be more successful now that you have had a meeting
 - Schedule phone conferences if you can't meet in person
- **Develop a relationship with the district staff**
 - They often have the ear of the Member of Congress
 - Can help organize visits, meetings in the district
- **Use our resources**
 - Thank you cards on your tables



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Stay in touch!

- Contact your Members of Congress monthly
 - Be a friend and resource
- Share the good things that are happening!
 - Don't let them focus on negative press
- Ask questions, share your input
 - Get to know the district staff as well
- Use the NAFIS Action Center and our Action Alerts

Report on your Hill Experience

- Fill in the Hill Feedback Form
 - Take notes after each meeting – they'll all run together
- Come to the feedback session to tell us in person
 - Tuesday, 4:00-5:00 in the Regency Foyer
- Jot down a story about
 - Effective meetings or tips for effective meetings
 - Meetings that didn't go so well
 - Seeing famous policymakers/stars
 - Great lunch venues
 - Weather disasters
 - Importance of advocacy
- Don't forget to thank everyone you met with and send any information you promised



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