



National Association of Federally Impacted Schools

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TALKING POINTS: 2019 NAFIS FALL CONFERENCE

Impact Aid Overview

Impact Aid is the Federal Government’s reimbursement to school districts for the presence of nontaxable Federal property (i.e. military installations, Indian Lands, Federal low-rent housing, national laboratories and grasslands) and federally connected students. The program has not been fully funded in decades. Funding appropriated annually by Congress goes directly to school districts and can be used for any general fund purpose, including academic materials, technology, staff or transportation, supporting all students. This flexibility allows school districts to target funds based on need, as determined by district leadership.

As you meet with your Members of Congress, be sure to tell the story of your district. Illustrate the financial realities of your district – if you have limited bonding capacity, little or no taxable land, high rates of poverty, etc. Detail what you do with your Impact Aid funding. Show off the big successes from your district. Tell them what you would be able to accomplish with more funding.

Funding

The House-passed FY20 Labor, HHS, Education appropriations bill provides Impact Aid with a \$52 million increase for FY20 – including \$2 million for Section 7002 Federal Property and \$50 million for Section 7003 Basic Support. NAFIS strongly supports this increase and is hopeful the Senate will maintain this crucial investment in federally impacted schools. It is important to remember that the Administration’s budget request included level funding of Basic Support and the elimination of the Federal Property program.

Talking Points

- **SUPPORT the \$52 million increase for Impact Aid included in the House FY20 appropriations bill.**
 - **The \$2 million increase for Federal Property would help cover the cost of new school districts as the Federal Government continues to acquire property.**
 - **The \$50 million increase for Basic Support would provide much-needed resources to maintain spending comparable with non-federally impacted school districts.**
 - **A \$100 million increase would fund the program at 100 percent of LOT.**

Section	FY17 Final	FY18 Final	FY19 Final	FY20 President Request	FY20 House Bill
Federal Property	\$ 66,813,000	\$ 73,313,000	\$ 74,313,000	\$ 0	\$ 76,313,000
Basic Support	\$1,191,233,000	\$1,270,242,000	\$1,301,242,000	\$1,301,242,000	\$1,351,242,000
Disabilities	\$ 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
Facilities	\$ 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	\$1,371,799,000	\$1,498,112,000

THE NAFIS FAMILY

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Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association

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Military Impacted Schools Association

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Mid-to-Low-LOT Schools

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National Indian Impacted Schools Association

Impact Aid Coalitions

The bipartisan House and Senate Impact Aid Coalitions were established in the 1990s and have since led successful efforts to protect and prioritize the Impact Aid program. There are 108 current Members of Congress on the coalitions. We are hoping to grow these numbers and have the largest groups yet for the 116th Congress. If you talk to a Member who is not currently on the coalition, suggest they join. Have them contact Leslie@NAFISDC.org to sign up or with any questions.

Talking Points

- **JOIN the House or Senate Impact Aid Coalition for the 116th Congress.**
 - **It is an easy way to show your support for federally impacted schools and Impact Aid. Membership does not require any commitment of time or staff.**
 - **The coalition serves as a resource to NAFIS in supporting and protecting Impact Aid.**

Infrastructure

Impact Aid Infrastructure Act: H.R. 3647, the *Impact Aid Infrastructure Act*, was introduced in the House by Representatives TJ Cox (D-CA) and Don Young (R-AK). The bill would provide a one-time infusion of funds into the Impact Aid Construction program to address the significant backlog of school construction needs at federally impacted school districts. The eligibility pool of school districts is broader than the regular construction program given the significant resources authorized under this legislation. Our hope is to get this legislation included in a potential broader infrastructure package and to ensure federally impacted schools are a part of any infrastructure conversation.

Rebuild America's Schools Act: H.R. 865, the *Rebuild America's Schools Act*, would create a \$100 billion school infrastructure program, including grants and loan assistance available to all public schools. Senator Reed (D-RI) and Representative Bobby Scott (D-VA) re-introduced this bill in January of 2019. It passed the House Education and Labor committee in February. In this year's version the Impact Aid authorization was increased to \$100 million per year for five years.

Talking Points

- **House: CO-SPONSOR H.R. 3647, the Impact Aid Infrastructure Act.**
- **Senate: SPONSOR the Impact Aid Infrastructure Act companion bill.**
 - **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 for construction at 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 are already in place at the Department of Education to get funding for shovel-ready projects out the door through any major infrastructure legislation.**
- **SUPPORT the Rebuild America's Schools Act.**

Vouchers

While the Education Savings Accounts for Military Families Act of 2019 was not included in the National Defense Authorization Act this year, we remain concerned about it and other voucher schemes. The bill introduced in this Congress would create \$6,000 vouchers for military connected children throughout the country. The bill removes the explicit Impact Aid pay-for that was in last year’s bill. **However, it is written to amend Title VII of the Every Student Succeeds Act – the Impact Aid Title. As written, it creates a new line item within Impact Aid for these military vouchers.** It is authorized at \$1.2 billion – almost the exact authorization of 7003 Basic Support – but does not include a specified pay-for. Because of its positioning in the Impact Aid program, we are still considering this legislation an Impact Aid voucher bill.

If your Member of Congress is a co-sponsor of the House or Senate bills, please voice your disappointment with this support and encourage them to stay off any future bills. If your Member of Congress is not a co-sponsor of either bill, please thank them and encourage them to continue to stay off the bills and support Impact Aid.

Talking Points

- **OPPOSE the Education Savings Accounts for Military Families Act of 2019 or any similar voucher legislation.**
 - **Military voucher proposals would likely take money from the Impact Aid program.**
 - **We oppose public taxpayer dollars being used for private voucher schemes.**

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