



# National Association of Federally Impacted Schools

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The Honorable Richard Shelby  
Chairman  
Appropriations Committee  
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
Ranking Member  
Appropriations Committee  
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Nita Lowey  
Chairwoman  
Appropriations Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Appropriations Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives

Dear Chairman Shelby, Chairwoman Lowey, Ranking Member Leahy and Ranking Member Granger:

On behalf of the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) we thank the members of the Appropriations Committees and your staff for prioritizing Impact Aid in the FY 2020 appropriations bill. NAFIS thanks the Committee Members for providing a \$39 million increase for Basic Support (Section 7003) and a \$1 million increase for Federal Property (Section 7002) for FY 2020.

The increases proposed by the Committee reaffirm Congress' longstanding and bipartisan support of the Impact Aid program, which reimburses public school districts to make up for the loss of tax revenue due to a federal activity. These funding increases are a good deal for students, school districts and taxpayers, and they will allow federally impacted school districts to continue their locally-controlled investment of Impact Aid dollars to provide a quality education for all students. Impact Aid funds are used for student centered learning, supports for military connected students, Native American language and cultural education, teachers and school counselors, STEM curriculum, technology, afterschool programs, buses and so much more.

NAFIS members particularly appreciate your leadership of the Appropriations Committees and your support of the Impact Aid program.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

Leslie Finnan  
Director of Policy & Advocacy

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