



# National Association of Federally Impacted Schools

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The Honorable Roy Blunt  
Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Labor, HHS, Education & Related Agencies  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray  
Ranking Member, Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Labor, HHS, Education & Related Agencies  
U.S. Senate  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chairwoman, Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Labor, HHS, Education & Related Agencies  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Ranking Member, Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Labor, HHS, Education & Related Agencies  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Blunt, Ranking Member Murray, Chairwoman DeLauro, and Ranking Member Cole:

The National Association of Federally Impacted Schools urges House and Senate conferees on the FY 2021 Labor HHS Education Appropriations bill to recede to the Senate's proposed \$20 million increase for Impact Aid. This increase, \$19 million for Section 7003 Basic Support and \$1 million for Section 7002 Federal Property, reaffirms Congress's longstanding and bipartisan support of the Impact Aid program, which reimburses public school districts for the loss of local tax revenue due to the presence of non-taxable federal property.

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. As schools face financial challenges from COVID-19, this funding increase is needed more than ever.

NAFIS members particularly appreciate your leadership of the Appropriations Committees and your longstanding support for the Impact Aid program. The funding levels proposed by the Senate illustrate this support and are critical for the success of federally impacted school districts.

Sincerely,

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Director of Policy & Advocacy

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