



National Association of Federally Impacted Schools

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TALKING POINTS: 2022 NAFIS SPRING 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). 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 district leaders to target funds based on need.

Annual Federal Funding

FY 2022 –The FY 2022 Omnibus Appropriation Bill, which funds education programs through September 30, 2022, provides an increase of \$55 million for Basic Support and \$1 million for Federal Property. Although it is less than the NAFIS FY 2022 request of \$102 million, the increase reaffirms Congressional support for Impact Aid.

Section	FY20 Final	FY21 Final	FY22 Final
Federal Property	\$75.31 M	\$76.31 M	\$77.31 M
Basic Support	\$1,340.24 M	\$1,354.24 M	\$1,409.24 M
Disabilities	\$48.32 M	\$48.32 M	\$48.32 M
Construction	\$17.41 M	\$17.41 M	\$17.41 M
Facilities	\$4.84 M	\$4.84 M	\$4.84 M
Total	\$1,486.11 M	\$1,501.11 M	\$1,557.11 M

FY 2023 – To help cover the cost of new school districts and help provide a payment in lieu of taxes that recognizes the increase in assessed value of taxable land, we are requesting a \$2 million increase for Federal Property and to help ensure the purchasing power of the increases in the Local Contribution Rate (LCR) of the past few years, we are asking for a \$55 million increase for Basic Support.

Talking Points on Impact Aid Funding

- **THANK** them for their support in helping secure the FY 2022 funding increase
- **REQUEST** support for a \$57 million increase for Impact Aid in FY 2023
 - \$2 million increase for Federal Property would help cover the cost of new school districts and help provide a payment in lieu of taxes that recognizes the increase in assessed value of taxable land
 - \$55 million increase for Basic Support (notwithstanding the increase in the FY 2023 Local Contribution Rate) will help ensure the purchasing power of the increases of the past years
- **EXPLAIN** what an increase to Impact Aid could mean to your district

THE NAFIS FAMILY

FLISA

Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association

MISA

Military Impacted Schools Association

MTLLS

Mid-to-Low-LOT Schools

NIISA

National Indian Impacted Schools Association

Advancing Toward Impact Aid Full Funding Act

Background: The Federal Government has a responsibility to fully fund Impact Aid but it has not met this responsibility since 1969. This legislation would establish a five-year glidepath to full funding and ensure meaningful annual increases to districts.

House: The *Advancing Toward Impact Aid Full Funding Act* (H.R. 5255), which was introduced in the House in by Reps. Levin (D-CA) and Young (R-AK), would fully fund Basic Support, provide a

proportional increase to Federal Property, and increase the Children with Disabilities payment to

approximately \$2,000 per student (or \$1,000 for an off-base military student). The cost of \$1.1 billion is split over five years and would be a \$210 million increase per year. It currently has 33 bipartisan co-sponsors in the House.

	Total Increase	Annual Funding in Five Year Glidepath
Basic Support	\$950,000,000.00	\$190,000,000.00
Federal Property	\$54,000,000.00	\$11,000,000.00
CWD	\$45,000,000.00	\$9,000,000.00
Total	\$1,049,000,000.00	\$210,000,000.00

Senate: Senators Lujan (D-NM), Inhofe (R-OK), Gillibrand (D-NY), and Tillis (R-NC) are expected to introduce the Senate companion bill by the end of March, which will include an additional \$3.25 million annual increase for School Construction.

Talking Points

- **House: THANK those members who have co-sponsored the bill already**
REQUEST members who have not yet signed on to co-sponsor the bill
Contact: Alison.Feinswog@mail.house.gov
- **Senate: CO-SPONSOR the companion bill (to be introduced soon!)**
Contact: Alanna_PurdyMontesinos@lujan.senate.gov

Impact Aid Infrastructure Act

Background: All large bills that would have included school infrastructure investments, including the Build Back Better Act, remain stalled. In lieu of those efforts, NAFIS supports the *Impact Aid Infrastructure Act* (S. 945, H.R. 1886), which would add \$1 billion in school infrastructure funding to the Impact Aid construction line. The current construction line provides only \$17.41 million annually, which is insufficient to meet any internal renovation needs and provides no funding to actually build new schools. A substantial investment through this bill would support far more construction initiatives than currently.

Talking Points

- **House: CO-SPONSOR H.R. 1886.**
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- **Senate: CO-SPONSOR S. 945.**
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