



National Association of Federally Impacted Schools

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TALKING POINTS: 2023 NAFIS FALL CONFERENCE

Impact Aid Overview

Through Impact Aid, the Federal Government seeks to compensate school districts for lost property tax revenue arising from the presence of nontaxable Federal property (i.e. military installations, Indian Lands, Federal low-rent housing, national laboratories and grasslands) within school district boundaries. Funding appropriated annually by Congress goes directly to school districts and can be used for any general fund purpose, including staff, mental health supports, technology, and transportation, supporting all students. This flexibility allows school district leaders to target funds based on need. While the program’s funds are immensely helpful to school districts, it has not been fully funded in decades.

Annual Federal Funding

FY 2024 Appropriations – With schools facing many challenges, including the need to build or renovate buildings, attract and retain educators, and lingering inflation, Impact Aid dollars are more precious now than they have ever been. While NAFIS had originally requested a \$70 million overall increase for Impact Aid in FY 2024, the Fiscal Responsibility Act’s strict funding caps make significant funding increases impossible. Therefore, NAFIS supports the Senate Appropriations Committee’s FY 2024 bill’s Impact Aid figures, which amounts to an approximately \$10 million overall increase for Impact Aid.

Talking Points on Impact Aid Funding:

- If applicable, **THANK** them for their support of the **\$61 million FY 2023 funding increase for Impact Aid.**
- **REQUEST** support for the Senate Appropriations Committee’s approved increases for Impact Aid in FY 2024:
 - **\$8.758 million increase for Basic Support**
 - **\$687,000 increase for Federal Property**
 - **\$594,000 increase for Construction**
 - **Level funding for Children with Disabilities**
- **Explain** what even a small increase in funds can mean for school districts.

Section	FY22 Final	FY23 Final	FY24 House Appropriations	FY24 Senate Appropriations
Federal Property	\$77.31 M	\$78.31 M	\$78.31 M	\$79 M
Basic Support	\$1,409.24 M	\$1,468.24 M	\$1,468.24 M	\$1,477 M
Disabilities	\$48.316 M	\$48.316 M	\$48.316 M	\$48.316 M
Construction	\$17.41 M	\$18.41 M	\$18.41 M	\$19 M
Facilities	\$4.835 M	\$4.835 M	\$4.835 M	\$4.835 M
Total	\$1,557.11 M	\$1,618.11 M	\$1,618.11 M	\$1,628.151 M

THE NAFIS FAMILY

FLISA
Federal Lands Impacted
Schools Association

MISA
Military Impacted
Schools Association

LO-ISA
Learning Opportunity
Impacted Schools Association

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.

The NAFIS-endorsed and fully bipartisan *Advancing Toward Impact Aid Full Funding Act* has now been introduced in the House (H.R. 1591) and the Senate (S. 871). This legislation would fully fund Basic Support and provide a proportional increase to Federal Property, Construction, and Children with Disabilities.

Talking Points on Full Funding Bill:

- **THANK those members who co-sponsored this legislation.**
- **REQUEST CO-SPONSORSHIP from those who have not yet signed-on.**
- **ORIGINAL CO-SPONSORS: House – Reps. Tom Cole (R-OK) and Mike Levin (D-CA); Senate – Sens. Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM), Thomas Tillis (R-NC), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Markwayne Mullin (R-OK), Richard Durbin (D-IL) and John Cornyn (R-TX).**

Impact Aid Infrastructure Partnership Act

Background: The current Impact Aid Construction line provides only \$18.41 million annually, which is insufficient to meet most internal renovation needs and provides no funding to build new schools. There is also a significant demand for funding to renovate and construct teacher housing.

The *Impact Aid Infrastructure Partnership Act*, which would add a total of \$1 billion over four years (\$250 million per year) to the Impact Aid Construction line item, has recently been introduced in the Senate. 25% of the new funds would be made available via formula to all eligible school districts. The U.S. Department of Education would disseminate the remaining 75% as competitive grants, with priority for those school districts with acute emergencies in their facilities (e.g., building code violations), teacher housing in need of repair, or limited or no bonding capacity.

Talking Points on Infrastructure:

- **REQUEST CO-SPONSORSHIP of the Senate’s Impact Aid Infrastructure Partnership Act.**
- **ORIGINAL CO-SPONSORS: Sens. Mazie Hirono (D-HI), Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Richard Durbin (D-IL), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) (as of Sept. 12, 2023)**
- **SEEK NEW HOUSE SPONSORS to introduce the companion bill.**

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 more than 100 current Members of Congress on the coalitions. We are hoping to continue to grow these numbers and have the largest coalitions yet by the end of the 118th Congress. If you talk to a Member who is not currently on the coalition, suggest they join. Have them contact NicoleRussell@nafisd.org to sign up or with any questions.

Talking Points:

- **JOIN the House or Senate Impact Aid Coalition for the 118th Congress.**
- **It is an easy way to show 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.**