



National Association of Federally Impacted Schools

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TALKING POINTS: 2023 NAFIS SPRING 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 this 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. Therefore, we are requesting a \$65 million increase for Basic Support, a \$2 million increase for Federal Property, a \$1.5 million increase for Construction, and a \$1.5 increase for Children with Disabilities.

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 a \$70 million increase for Impact Aid in FY 2024:
 - \$65 million increase for Basic Support
 - \$2 million increase for Federal Property
 - \$1.5 million increase for Construction
 - \$1.5 million increase for Children with Disabilities
- **EXPLAIN** what an increase to Impact Aid could mean for your district.

Section	FY20 Final	FY21 Final	FY22 Final	FY23 Final	FY24 NAFIS Request
Federal Property	\$75.31 M	\$76.31 M	\$77.31 M	\$78.31 M	\$80.31 M
Basic Support	\$1,340.24 M	\$1,354.24 M	\$1,409.24 M	\$1,468.24 M	\$1,533.24 M
Disabilities	\$48.32 M	\$48.32 M	\$48.32 M	\$48.32 M	\$49.82 M
Construction	\$17.41 M	\$17.41 M	\$17.41 M	\$18.41 M	\$19.91 M
Facilities	\$4.84 M	\$4.84 M	\$4.84 M	\$4.84 M	\$4.84 M
Total	\$1,486.11 M	\$1,501.11 M	\$1,557.11 M	\$1,614.11 M	\$1,614.11 M

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 glide path to full funding and ensure meaningful annual increases to districts.

NAFIS supports reintroducing the bipartisan *Advancing Toward Impact Aid Full Funding Act*, which would fully fund Basic Support, provide a proportional increase to Federal Property, fund Construction, and increase the Children with Disabilities payment to approximately \$2,000 per eligible student (or \$1,000 for an off-base military student).

	Total Increase	Annual Funding in Five Year Glide path
Basic Support	\$985,404,246.00	\$164,234,041.00
Federal Property	\$72,000,000.00	\$12,000,000.00
Construction	\$27,000,000.00	\$4,500,000.00
CWD	\$72,000,000.00	\$12,000,000.00
Total	\$1,156,404,000.00	\$192,734,041.00

Talking Points:

- **THANK** those members who co-sponsored the bill last Congress
- **REQUEST CO-SPONSORING** the bill upon reintroduction in both House and Senate
- Rep. Mike Levin (D-CA), Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK), Sen. Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM) and Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) are leading support for draft legislation.

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@nafisdc.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 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.**

Impact Aid Infrastructure Funding

Background: The current 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. A substantial investment in school infrastructure would support far more construction initiatives than currently possible to ensure safe and modern learning environments for students and staff in federally impacted school districts. NAFIS is actively working to improve upon past legislation and reintroduce a bill to benefit the NAFIS family.

Talking Points:

- **REQUEST support for school construction funding in the 118th Congress.**