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More Than 1,100 School Districts Across the U.S. Benefit from Federal Impact Aid

NAFIS reports show distribution of funds by state, school district and congressional district

Washington, DC – February 22, 2024 – The National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) has released two new publications. [Impact Aid Payments Overview: Fiscal Year 2023 Section 7003 – Basic Support](#) and [Impact Aid Payments Overview: Fiscal Year 2023 Section 7002 – Federal Property](#) detail how Impact Aid funds were distributed to school districts across the United States and its territories in FY 2023 (the most recent year for which payments have been finalized).

Based on U.S. Department of Education data, approximately \$1.6 billion in Impact Aid funding supported 1,130 school districts serving nearly ten million students. The new NAFIS publications outline the allocation of funds for two key sections of the program, Section 7002 – Federal Property and Section 7003 – Basic Support. Each report includes a state-by-state breakdown of school districts that received Impact Aid, along with the amount of their payment, the amount they would receive if the program were fully funded and additional related data.

Impact Aid is a federal education program that partially reimburses school districts for the lost revenue and additional costs associated with the presence of nontaxable federal property, such as military installations, Indian trust or treaty lands, federal low-rent housing, national parks, national laboratories and other federal buildings and property. Most public school districts are funded largely through local taxes and fees, and because federal land is exempt from taxation, districts containing federal property are at a financial disadvantage in funding schools and providing students the resources and supports needed to reach their full potential. Impact Aid (Title VII of the Every Student Succeeds Act, ESSA) recognizes the federal government's obligation to help finance public education in areas where it holds land, allowing students in those communities to have equitable access to educational opportunities. However, it hasn't been fully funded since 1969.

"Impact Aid is essential in ensuring federally impacted school districts have the resources they need to offer a high-quality education, paying for teacher salaries, mental health supports, building renovations and other school district needs," said NAFIS Executive Director Nicole Russell. "These publications highlight the diversity of federally impacted school districts, which serve all types of students in nearly every state, DC and U.S. territories. They also make clear that because Impact Aid is not fully funded, some school districts and the students they serve are being shortchanged hundreds of thousands of dollars."

The reports aim to raise the awareness of federal, state and local policymakers of the importance of Impact Aid to individual school districts and states. The publications, along with an [infographic](#) offering a national snapshot of the program, can be found on the [NAFIS website](#).

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The National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) represents more than 1,100 federally impacted public school districts that together educate nearly 10 million students across the nation. Federally impacted school districts are those located on or near nontaxable federal property—including military installations; Indian Trust, Treaty and Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act lands; federal low-income housing facilities; and national parks, national laboratories and other federal buildings and property. These school districts, which are demographically and geographically diverse, receive Impact Aid, a federal education program that reimburses school districts for the lost local revenue and additional costs associated with the presence of federal property. To learn more, visit www.nafisd.org.