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More Than 1,000 School Districts Across the U.S. Benefit from Federal Impact Aid

NAFIS reports show allocation of funds by state, school district and congressional district, highlighting funding shortfall

Washington, DC – August 27, 2024 – The National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) has released two new publications: [Impact Aid Payments Overview: Fiscal Year 2024 Section 7003 – Basic Support](#) and [Impact Aid Payments Overview: Fiscal Year 2024 Section 7002 – Federal Property](#). These reports provide a detailed look at how Impact Aid funds were distributed to school districts across the United States and its territories in FY 2024, the most recent year for which payments have been made.

Based on U.S. Department of Education data, approximately \$1.6 billion in Impact Aid supported 1,082 school districts serving about eight 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 features 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 relevant information. Overall, NAFIS finds the program is significantly underfunded, with approximately \$1.9 billion of unmet need based on statutory formulas.

Impact Aid is a federal program that partially reimburses school districts for the lost revenue and additional costs associated with 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. Since public school districts depend on local taxes and fees for funding, districts containing federal property are at a financial disadvantage. Impact Aid (Title VII of the Every Student Succeeds Act, ESSA) recognizes the federal government's obligation to support education in these areas, allowing students equitable access to high quality educational opportunities. However, it hasn't been fully funded since 1969.

"Impact Aid is crucial for ensuring school districts affected by federal property can provide students with the resources and supports they need to succeed. It helps fund teacher salaries, mental health services, construction projects and other essential needs," said NAFIS Executive Director Nicole Russell. "Our new publications showcase the extensive reach of federally impacted school districts across 48 states, DC and U.S. territories, and they reveal a significant funding shortfall. Many districts and their students are missing out on hundreds of thousands of dollars."

The reports aim to raise awareness among federal, state and local policymakers about the vital role that Impact Aid plays in supporting individual school districts and communities. The publications, along with an [infographic](#) providing a national overview 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 1,000 federally impacted public school districts that together educate approximately eight 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.