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## **Congress Honors 75 Years of Impact Aid with Bipartisan Resolutions**

*Recognition highlights Impact Aid's role in supporting nearly eight million students*

**Washington, D.C. – October 9, 2025** – In a powerful show of bipartisan support, Congress is honoring 75 years of Impact Aid. Earlier this week, the U.S. Senate unanimously passed S.Res.406, introduced by Senators Mazie Hirono (D-HI) and Mike Crapo (R-ID) with 25 bipartisan co-sponsors. The resolution designated September 30, 2025, as *Impact Aid Recognition Day* and affirmed the program's importance in supporting children in federally impacted school districts. The companion resolution in the House, H.Res.786, was introduced by Representatives Dan Newhouse (R-WA) and Joe Courtney (D-CT), joined by 15 bipartisan co-sponsors.

Signed into law by President Harry S. Truman on September 30, 1950, Impact Aid is the nation's oldest federal K–12 education program. It reimburses school districts for lost revenue and additional costs associated with the presence of nontaxable federal property – such as military installations, Indian trust and restricted lands, federal low-income housing, national laboratories, and other federal buildings and property – ensuring students in federally impacted communities have access to a quality education.

Today, approximately 1,100 federally impacted school districts educate nearly eight million students, supported by more than \$1.6 billion in Impact Aid funding provided by Congress in FY 2025.

Unlike most other federal education programs, Impact Aid is not forward funded. School districts depend on timely congressional appropriations to receive their payments and are among the first affected by delays in the federal budget process such as a government shutdown, which can affect critical services, including teacher salaries, student transportation, and special education programs.

"For 75 years, Impact Aid has stood as a testament to bipartisan commitment to our nation's students and communities," said NAFIS Executive Director Cherise Imai. "Across decades and party lines, Congress has upheld its responsibility to federally impacted school districts, ensuring they have the resources to help students succeed. As we celebrate this milestone, we're reminded that – even amid a government shutdown – Impact Aid continues to bring people together."

The designation of *Impact Aid Recognition Day* shines a national spotlight on the program at a pivotal time. As NAFIS and its member districts applaud 75 years of bipartisan support, the organization will continue working with Congress to strengthen and protect the Impact Aid program.

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The National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) represents approximately 1,100 federally impacted public school districts that together educate nearly eight million students across the nation. Federally impacted school districts are those located on or near nontaxable Federal property—including military installations; Indian trust and restricted lands; Federal low-income housing facilities; and national parks, national laboratories, and other Federal buildings and property. These school districts 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.nafisdc.org](http://www.nafisdc.org).