



Hill Meeting Talking Points

Why Impact Aid Matters

- **Impact Aid is the federal government's responsibility to federally impacted communities.** NAFIS represents approximately 1,100 school districts serving nearly 8 million students affected by federal activity, including military installations, Indian Lands, federal housing, and other federal property.
- **Federally impacted districts cannot rely on the same local tax base as other school districts.** Because federally owned property is generally exempt from local property taxes, Impact Aid helps offset revenue that districts otherwise would have received.
- **Impact Aid is not a competitive grant.** It is a federal payment tied to the presence of federal property and federally connected students and helps districts provide core educational services to their students.
- **In our district, Impact Aid accounts for ___% of our budget and supports ___ students connected to federal activities.**

Protect the Impact Aid Program

- **Protect the stability and statutory purpose of Impact Aid.** Any administrative changes should preserve the program's ability to provide timely and accurate payments to eligible school districts.
- **Maintain experienced Impact Aid staff and institutional knowledge.** The complexity of the program requires personnel who understand the unique circumstances of federally impacted districts and can provide effective technical assistance.
- **Congressional oversight is essential.** Delays or disruptions to Impact Aid payments can directly affect school operations, staffing, and student services, making continued congressional attention critical.

Support Increased Impact Aid Funding in FY27

- **Support at least a \$71.5 million increase for Impact Aid in FY27.** This represents a 4.4 percent increase and is necessary to address the growing needs of federally impacted school districts.
 - Sec. 7002 – Federal Property: +\$3.5M
 - Sec. 7003 – Basic Support: +\$65M
 - Sec. 7003(d) – Children with Disabilities: +\$1.5M
 - Sec. 7007 – Construction: +\$1.5M
- **This is a targeted investment, not a new federal program.** Congress is funding an established program designed to address a specific federal responsibility. Increasing Impact Aid helps ensure that communities bearing the costs of federal activity have the resources necessary to continue providing quality public education.

Sec.	FY24 Enacted	FY25 Enacted	FY26 Enacted	FY27 Request	FY27 House
7002	\$79,000,000	\$79,000,000	\$80,000,000	\$83,500,000	\$81,000,000
7003	\$1,474,000,000	\$1,474,000,000	\$1,477,000,000	\$1,542,000,000	\$1,480,000,000
7003(d)	\$48,316,000	\$48,316,000	\$49,316,000	\$50,816,000	\$50,316,000
7007	\$19,000,000	\$19,000,000	\$19,000,000	\$20,500,000	\$19,000,000
7008	\$4,835,000	\$4,835,000	\$4,835,000	\$4,835,000	\$4,835,000
Total	\$1,625,151,000	\$1,625,151,000	\$1,630,151,000	\$1,701,651,000	\$1,635,151,000

Cosponsor the Advancing Toward Impact Aid Full Funding Act (S.2921 / H.R.5195)

- **Cosponsor this bipartisan legislation establishing a five-year glide path to full funding of Section 7003 Basic Support and provide meaningful increases to Federal Property, Construction, and Children with Disabilities.**
- **Provide greater predictability for school districts.** A phased approach to full funding allows districts to plan and budget more effectively rather than facing continued uncertainty over annual funding levels.
- **To cosponsor the bill**, contact Eileen Lee (eileen.lee@mail.house.gov) with Rep. Mike Levin (D-CA) or Jacky Alvarado (jacky_alvarado@lujan.senate.gov) with Sen. Ben Ray Luján (D-NM).

Cosponsor the Impact Aid Infrastructure Partnership Act (S.1275 / H.R.2629)

- **Cosponsor this bipartisan legislation to address the significant school construction needs of federally impacted districts.** The bill would increase Construction funding to \$250 million annually for four years, compared with the current \$19 million annual appropriation.
- **Federally impacted districts often have limited ability to generate local capital revenue.** Many are located on or near military installations or Indian Lands and face significant constraints on their ability to finance major school construction projects.
- **The construction backlog far exceeds available federal funding.** Increased investment is needed to modernize aging facilities and ensure students, military families, Native communities, and other federally impacted areas have access to safe, high-quality schools.
- **To cosponsor the bill**, contact Ben Strand (ben_strand@hirono.senate.gov) with Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI) or Taylor DuBard (taylor.dubard@mail.house.gov) with Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA).

Join the Congressional Impact Aid Caucus

- **Join the bipartisan, bicameral Congressional Impact Aid Caucus** to demonstrate support for federally impacted school districts and the students they serve.
- **The Caucus provides Members and staff with a direct connection to Impact Aid issues**, including briefings, legislative updates, and information about the needs of federally impacted communities.
- **Impact Aid affects districts across the country.** Caucus membership provides an opportunity to hear directly from school districts and remain engaged with an important federal education responsibility.
- **To join the caucus**, contact Jayson Schimmenti (jschimmenti@nafisdc.org) with NAFIS.

Optional Closing

- Thank you for your support of federally impacted school districts.
- We are happy to serve as a resource on Impact Aid issues.
- We would welcome the opportunity for the Member or staff to visit our district.