



Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association

Education For Children, Fairness for Taxpayers

Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association (FLISA) represents approximately 240 school districts and nearly 900,000 students that have federally owned land within their district boundaries, land for which the Federal Government pays no property taxes to schools. FLISA is a sub-group of the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS).

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On behalf of the federally impacted children in our community and across the country, I would like to thank you for taking time to meet with me to learn how students are directly impacted by the lack of funds provided to Federal Lands Impacted Schools.

My community members are well aware that it is Congress' obligation to provide the lost revenues from federal lands and that Congress' failure to meet its obligation forces local property owners to pay the government's share in order to maintain educational programs and services.

As you know, I feel strongly that Congress should recognize its obligation and increase funding for Impact Aid schools. Congress should provide additional funding to account for newly acquired lands so that funds are not reduced further. As it is now, more schools have to share the same amount of funding.

Recognizing the need to meet its obligation to federally impacted students in 7002 schools the Senate Labor HHS appropriated an additional \$500K for FY 18. Without Sequestration caps and with your assistance, we are hopeful that we can see an increase of \$2M for 7002 Schools in the FY 18 budget.

I look forward to meeting with you again during our Spring NAFIS conference. Tentatively, I would like to plan on meeting with you again, at your convenience on March 20, 2018. As this date grows closer, we will be sure to contact you and your office to confirm a time.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should need any additional information regarding the importance of Impact Aid or any issue facing educators. Our website at: www.FLISA.org also has a great deal of information. I appreciate you taking the time to meet and your continuing advocacy on behalf of the federally impacted children of all federally impacted schools.