

Dear Colleague,

(Please forward this to others in your district who handle Impact Aid matters.)

Since **Year**, the **School District** has represented **State** Sec. 7002 districts in Washington DC, in the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools conferences and at Section 7002 summer and winter work session meetings. The collaborative work done at these meetings has enabled our District's to sustain Impact Aid funding year after year. We really need the help of other Texas districts to get involved as well.

For the past four federal budget cycles, the President has zeroed out Sec. 7002 in his proposed budget. So far, we have been successful in visiting with Congressional Leaders and getting the funds included in each fiscal year budget. The battle is never ending, and it is because districts across the nation have worked hard that we still have Sec. 7002 Impact Aid. So, again, let me urge you to get involved. I understand that some of you receive very little 7002 funding, but there are still things you can do to help. The issue is not only how much you receive, but also the potential revenue to our districts if Congress ever fully funded the program.

1. Let your Congressman or Congresswoman know how vital the funds are for your district. Establish a relationship with the staffer who handles education issues.
2. Join FLISA and NAFIS. The Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association website is [www.flisa.org](http://www.flisa.org)<<http://www.flisa.org>>. The National Association of Federally Impacted Schools website is [www.nafisdc.org](http://www.nafisdc.org)<<http://www.nafisdc.org>>. Both websites contain a wealth of information about impact aid matters.
3. Attend and get involved in meetings. FLISA meets four times a year. Two of the meetings are in conjunction with the NAFIS Spring and Fall Conferences in DC. These meetings afford us the opportunity to make Hill visits and share the Impact Aid story. In addition, FLISA has summer and winter conferences. We try to vary the locations of the meetings from east coast central and west coast so the same districts do not have to travel long distances every year.

If you are interested in learning more, we will be holding a state specific informational meeting **Meeting Details and Contact Information**.