



Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association

Education For Children, Fairness for Taxpayers

FLISA Talking Points for September 24, 2019 Hill Visits

- On behalf of the nearly 900,000 children enrolled in federally impacted schools in our community and across the country, I would like to thank you for your support of Impact Aid and the increase in funding for all impact aid schools under FY 18 and FY 19 Budgets.

- We are hopeful that we can again see an increase of \$2M for 7002 Schools in FY 20
- The House (Education and Labor Committee) ↑\$ Impact Aid FUNDING= \$2M (7002) \$50M (7003)
- The Senate (Labor HHS Ed Committee) is half that amount.
- House passed CR (temporary Gov't funding thru November 21st (Senate will need to agree for extension)
- In final budget negotiations we want the House version.

- The Federal Government has seized valued land in our school districts for a variety of reasons, making that land exempt from the property taxes that support schools.

- The Federal Government acknowledged its responsibility and initiated the Impact Aid program in 1950.
- Today, the Federal Government provides impacted schools approximately less than 10% nationwide of the lost tax revenue.
- In school districts where there is a federal land, local property taxpayers are penalized by having to pay more in taxes, or school districts are forced to reduce programs.

- New lands added by the Federal Government in recent years mean that more schools share the same amount of funds—each getting a smaller piece of the pie. At the very least, Congress should provide additional funding to account for newly acquired lands so that schools don't have to share the same amount of funding.

- Be sure to give a specific example of how losing 7002 funds will impact your district.

Funding History

							FLISA REQUEST
FY 12	SEQUESTER FY 13	FY 14/15	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18	FY 19**	FY 20
\$66,947,000	\$63,445,000	66,813,000	66,813,000	68,813,000	73,313,000	74,313,000	ADDITIONAL + \$2M

****According to Conference Report September 17-18, 2018

* Be sure to say thanks for FY 18-FY 19 Increase...this is a great area for discussion

- If they have not already, please ask them to join the Impact Aid Coalition (If interested please notify NAFIS Director of Policy and Advocacy Leslie Finnan at leslie@nafisd.org, to follow-up). Ask the staffer to let you know when the Member has signed and/or joined so you can include this information in your next school newsletter and community meeting. (Offer an invitation to visit your schools).

- REMEMBER THE FLISA TALKING PTS: **REJECT President's Budget Zero Funding of 7002 and Senate FY 20**

↑\$ Impact Aid FUNDING at HOUSE levels (\$2M=7002) (\$50M=7003)
 ↑\$ SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION/INFRASTRUCTURE ACT HR 3647
 SENTATE = SPONSOR...ALSO SUPPORT: REBUILD AMERICAS
 SCHOOLS ACT (↑ 7002 Eligible)
NO VOUCHERS (NO Freedom Scholarships)
JOIN THE COALITION (Non-Partisan)

- Thank staffer for meeting with you & remind them of the date of the Spring NAFIS conference on March 15, 2020 (Hill Visits on March 17th). Offer to be a resource of additional information and direct the staff member to our website: www.FLISA.org