



Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association

Education For Children, Fairness for Taxpayers

FLISA Member Meeting Agenda

AGENDA—NAFIS Fall Conference

Sunday, September 17, 2023—TBD--**Concord/Lexington** 10:45-11:45AM

Monday, September 18, 2023—TBD--**Columbia Foyer** 8:30-10:00AM

Please bring your laptop/device for Committee Work.

NAFIS Executive Director Nicole Russell will be attending the Monday meeting to provide a brief NAFIS overview and answer questions.

I. Welcome Comments and Review of the Mission/Vision of FLISA – Cathie Peznowski

Our Mission: To ensure the reimbursement of funds lost due to the federal government's removal of land from local tax rolls, paid to eligible public school districts, with 100 percent of the revenue used for the education of students.

Vision: Advancing towards 100% full-funding for the 7002 program.

Guiding Principles:

- *Section 7002 Impact Aid Funds will be distributed in a fair and equitable manner,*
- *Membership in the FLISA Organization will be expanded,*
- *Safeguard the financial interests of all Section 7002 Impact Aid districts.*

II. Introduction of FLISA Board and Past-Presidents

III. Introduction by Those in Attendance

- A. Name, Title, Location and Impacted Land
- B. Recognition of New Attendees—Cathie Peznowski

IV. FLISA Executive Director's Report – Tom Schneider

- A. Overview
- B. The success of this meeting is what you do between meetings to advocate for the goals of Impact Aid and FLISA

V. Approval of minutes from the FLISA Summer Meeting in Colorado—Christine Walker

- A. Document has been posted on the FLISA website

VI. Treasurer’s Report—Becky Allan/Brian Cortez (Director of Budget and Finance, Academy School District)

- A. Document has been posted on the FLISA website/copies available
- B. Review of Membership Numbers
- C. FY 24 Budget Considerations Reminder
 - 1. Schneider Retirement Costs
 - a. End to Split Travel Costs with CCSD 180/Printing Costs Possible
 - b. OASIS/NIISA Attendance (Approx. \$1K Each)

VII. NAFIS Board and NAFIS Update— Craig Hutcheson

- A. NAFIS Board and NAFIS Update— Craig Hutcheson
 - a. Update on NAFIS Organization
 - b. Strategic plan July NAFIS Board Meeting
 - c. **Advocacy Plan Developed**
- B. Discussion on Remote NAFIS Office Feedback
- C. September NAFIS Conference:
 - a. Responsive to feedback
- D. FRO (Federal Relations Outreach)
 - a. Feedback

VIII. Technology Update: Terry Tamblyn’s Thoughts:

- A. Log-in Thoughts
- B. Student Photos with Reference to Federal Property for Website Reminder
- C. Current website will store documents

Terry can set up an account for anyone if they send me their name and email. They can also set up their own account by using this URL Link: <https://www.flisa.org/register/flisa-members/>

The ability to post a link on our Members Page to the committee’s interactive work in Google, Teams, or whatever is a big deal for our committee work. All the groups may want to think about how that could assist their work?

IX. Executive Director Legislative Update

X. Review of 118th Congress and FY 24 NAFIS Appropriations Ask

From NAFIS Talking Points on Impact Aid Funding:

- *If applicable, THANK them for their support of the \$61 million FY 2023 funding increase for Impact Aid.*
- *REQUEST support for the Senate Appropriations Committee’s approved increases for Impact Aid in FY 2024:*
 - *\$8.758 million increase for Basic Support*
 - *\$687,000 increase for Federal Property*
 - *\$594,000 increase for Construction*
 - *Level funding for Children with Disabilities*
- *EXPLAIN what even a small increase to Impact Aid could mean for your district.*



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Section	FY20 Final	FY21 Final	FY22 Final	FY23 Final	FY24 Senate Appropriations
Federal Property	\$75.31 M	\$76.31 M	\$77.31 M	\$78.31 M	\$79 M
Basic Support	\$1,340.24 M	\$1,354.24 M	\$1,409.24 M	\$1,468.24 M	\$1,477.0 M
Disabilities	\$48.32 M	\$48.32 M	\$48.32 M	\$48.32 M	\$48.32 M
Construction	\$17.41 M	\$17.41 M	\$17.41 M	\$18.41 M	\$19 M
Facilities	\$4.84 M	\$4.84 M	\$4.84 M	\$4.84 M	\$4.84 M
Total	\$1,486.12 M	\$1,501.12 M	\$1,557.12 M	\$1,618.12 M	\$1,628.151 M

Previous FY 2024 Appropriations

The proposed request is an increase of \$70 million to the Department of Education’s Impact Aid Program.

- \$65M Basic Support
- \$2M Federal Property
- \$1.5M Construction
- \$1.5M Children with Disabilities

This request takes into consideration the percentage increase in the Local Contribution Rate for Section 7003 and potential impact of ESSER funding to district’s Impact Aid payments.

XI. Other NAFIS Legislation for 118th Congress:

From NAFIS Talking Points on Impact Aid Funding:

Advancing Toward Impact Aid Full Funding Act

Background: The Federal Government has a responsibility to fully fund Impact Aid, but it has not met this responsibility since 1969. This legislation would establish a five-year glide path to full funding and ensure meaningful annual increases to districts.

The NAFIS endorsed and fully bipartisan *Advancing Toward Impact Aid Full Funding Act* has now been introduced in the House (HR 1591) and the Senate (S. 871). This legislation would fully fund Basic Support and provide a proportional increase to Federal Property, Construction, and Children with Disabilities.

Talking Points:

- THANK those members who co-sponsored this legislation.
- REQUEST CO-SPONSORSHIP from those who have not yet signed-on.

- ORIGINAL COSPONSORS: House -- Reps. Tom Cole (R-OK) and Mike Levin (D-CA); Senate -- Sens. Ben Ray Luján (D-NM), Thomas Tillis (R-NC), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Markwayne Mullin (R-OK), Richard Durbin (D-IL) and John Cornyn (R-TX).

School Infrastructure

NAFIS will reintroduce the day before the Fall Conference. This legislation increases funding for school infrastructure and is the result of merging NIISA and NAFIS infrastructure bills from last Congress. Sens. Hirono, Klobuchar and Gillibrand are co-sponsors (looking for a Republican sponsor).

Impact Aid Coalitions

The bipartisan House and Senate Impact Aid Coalitions were established in the 1990s and have since led successful efforts to protect and prioritize the Impact Aid program. There are more than 100 current Members of Congress on the coalitions.

We are hoping to continue to grow these numbers and have the largest coalitions yet by the end of the 118th Congress. If you talk to a Member who is not currently on the coalition, suggest they join. Have them contact NicoleRussell@nafisdc.org to sign up or with any questions. NAFIS ask:

- **JOIN the House or Senate Impact Aid Coalition for the 118th Congress.**
- **It is an easy way to show your support for federally impacted schools and Impact Aid. Membership does not require any commitment of time or staff.**
- **The coalition serves as a resource to NAFIS in supporting and protecting Impact Aid.**

XII. Committee Updates and Committee Work (See Below)

Committee Reports and **Goals** for Fall Meeting:

- A. Mary Ticknor--**Advocacy** Committee
 - b. Advocacy for \$80K+ Club
 1. Determine Re-districted School District Congressional Districts with Federal Lands
 - c. Advocacy to Key Members of Congress without Federal Lands
 - d. Frank Sheboy—MERIT Hill Visit Technique
 1. Role Play on MERIT During Monday FLISA meeting
 - e. Google Aides for Background Information
- B. Bob Reichert--**Membership** Committee
 2. Outreach to high Impact Aid (\$80K+ Club) Receiving but Non-FLISA Districts to Join
 3. Maintain/Increase Membership Strategies
 4. Determine which non-participating districts need to be contacted
 5. Update Contacts Thoughts
- C. Mark Cross--**Messaging** Committee
 - c. Kittatinny Video
 - d. Message for Congress and School Communities
 1. MISA Faces of Impact Aid Sample
 - e. Social Messaging Thoughts
 - A. Twitter or X
 - B. Instagram?



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Review Talking Points and 1-Pager for September 19, 2023 Hill Visits (Messaging Committee)

XIII. FLISA Extra Mile Award and Call for Nominations

XIV. FLISA Meeting Locations

a. Winter, 2024 Hyatt Clearwater, Florida

1. First Weekend in February (February 1-4, 2024)
2. Thursday Afternoon Start Details

a. Summer, 2024 –Dates: **Starts Thursday, June 20th—General Membership Meeting Friday, June 21st**

1. Thursday Meeting Start Discussion
2. Recommendation from Board: _____

XV. Look Ahead: What do we need for a successful:

- Interim communications
- Winter 2024 FLISA Meeting Information—Clearwater, Florida
 - Committee Meeting Schedule Appointments Thursday starting at Noon-6PM (FLISA Board will Schedule around)

XVI. Action Items:

16-A. Approval of FLISA Summer Meeting Minutes

16-B. Nomination Selection of Summer, 2024 Meeting and Dates including Thursday, June 20th Evening Meetings, Friday, June 21st General Meeting

XVII. Next Meeting Information

- a. Winter 2024 FLISA Meeting, Hyatt Clearwater, Florida—**February 1st Thursday Afternoon**
- b. Spring NAFIS Conference, Washington DC, March 10-12, 2024
- c. FLISA Summer, 2024 Meeting—TBD—**Starts Thursday, June 20th—General Membership Meeting Friday, June 21st**
 - i. Call for Presentations*
- d. Fall NAFIS Conference, Washington DC, September 21-25, 2024

***Call for Presentations—Next Summer FLISA Meeting**

Do you have important best practices to share with the educator community? Are you an expert on a cutting-edge issue in youth development or education? Can you captivate a crowd? Well, it's time to bring your ideas to a national audience – become a presenter at the FLISA Summer Conference in California

We would love to learn more about what you are doing to address this issue or any other issue you'd like to share. Contact Tom Schneider to reserve your spot (schneiderthomasw@hotmail.com)

Advocacy Action Plan Work

1. Attendees will join/re-join a committee
 - i. Committees working together will assign all of the items (tasks) thought of individually and add new tasks as developed. (40-60 minutes). See Committee Plan suggestions below.
 - ii. Report out to the entire group using the large display paper. (40-60 minutes) Each group will add tasks to the display paper adding new ideas after the first round. The Goal is to get a list of tasks organized by committee and assignments to be completed between now and July meeting.

Messaging Committee

A. What is our **Message** for this Congressional Term?

1. Impact Aid Dollars Advocacy Message

- a) What Does Funding as described in Mission Statement Look Like
 - (1) Memo to Biden Transition Team (+\$54M--\$129M Total)
 - (2) How are Impact Aid Dollars distributed.
- b) Arguments for Funding to Congress
- c) Arguments for funding at Home

Advocacy Committee

2. At Congress (Who Do We Need to See?—Targeted Lobbying/Messaging

- (1) Our Federal Lands Members of Congress
 - (a) See FLISA Above 80K FY 19 Spreadsheet,
 - (2) Key Committee Members of Congress
- b) At Home (**Who** Do We Need to See?)
 - (1) School Community (Boards/Teachers/Students)
 - (2) Media
- c) At Home (**How** do we communicate?)
 - (1) School Community (Boards/Teachers/Students)
 - (2) Media



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Membership Committee

- B. How do we PLAN to improve ACTION among members as an ORGANIZATION?**
1. **What Does Member Action Between Meetings Look Like?**
 2. Homework Assignments for the quarter between meetings
 - a) Using Mid-Quarter Zoom Temperature Checks
- C. How do we PLAN to Maintain Organization?**
1. Increased Participation
 - a) Currently 68—Last Yr 61 Districts Paying Dues,
 - b) Recruiting Districts to Support FLISA
 - c) Measures of Involvement (What does it look like?)
 2. Organization Health
 - a) FLISA Financial Situation,
 - b) Continued Balanced Leadership,

Committee Suggestions

1. Committee Reports and **Goals** for NAFIS Spring Meeting:
 - a. **Messaging** Committee
 - a. Message for Congress and School Communities
 - b. Methods for communicating with above
 1. Social Messaging Committee?
 - c. MISA Faces of Impact Aid Booklet
 - b. **Advocacy** Committee
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 1. Site Committee?
 2. Fellowship Committee?
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