



# Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association

## Education For Children, Fairness for Taxpayers

### ***The Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association (FLISA) Mission***

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🇺🇸 The Mission of National 7002 (Formally Section 8002) Impacted Schools is to secure federal funding which reimburses eligible districts for tax revenue lost (for student programs) due to the federal government's removal of land from the local tax roles; such revenue to be used for the public education of students.

### ***Quick Background Information***

- 🇺🇸 The Impact Aid Program was signed into law by President Truman in 1950 and is the nation's oldest K-12 federal education program. For nearly 75 years, Congress has provided funding to school districts with bipartisan support.
- 🇺🇸 Impact Aid partially reimburses school districts for lost revenue associated with nontaxable federal property. This is valuable land that was seized by the government for purposes such as military bases, national parks, laboratories, wildlife conservation areas, and Army Corps of Engineer projects, making them exempt from the property taxes.
- 🇺🇸 Since school districts are normally dependent upon local property taxes to fund educational programs and the federal government does not pay property taxes, the revenue for impacted schools is dramatically reduced.
- 🇺🇸 To be eligible for Impact Aid, a school district must have 10 percent or more of its land owned by the federal government. In these districts, local property taxpayers are penalized by paying higher taxes or districts are forced to reduce programs, unjustly depriving children of the educational opportunities they deserve. Property owners should not be responsible for both their own taxes and the portion of land that is federally impacted.
- 🇺🇸 FLISA represents approximately **200 districts and nearly 900,000 children** that have federally owned land within their boundaries. FLISA is part of the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS), which includes those on military bases and Indian reservations. In total, there are **more than 10 million public school students** from **1,200** federally impacted school districts across **all 50 states**.

### ***Important Financial Considerations***

- 🇺🇸 Federal Impact Aid funds critical educational programs and class sizes at the local level, even though impacted school districts are at a serious financial disadvantage. This is because impacted school districts receive on **average less than 10 cents on the dollar** in Impact Aid, compared to what would be received from local property taxes.
- 🇺🇸 We believe that Congress has the obligation to provide additional funding, in part to account for newly acquired lands. Even when Impact Aid funding is increased incrementally, new property added by the federal government results in the **existing school districts getting a smaller portion of the funding that is provided**.

### ***How to Support Our Impacted Students and Schools***

- 🇺🇸 We are asking Congress to consider supporting the currently proposed increase in the Senate of **\$2 million** additional funding for **Section 7002 Schools in FY24**. For federally impacted schools, this is a **grand total request of \$80,313,000** over the FY23 funded amount of \$78,313,000, which is **just a 2.55 percent increase**.
- 🇺🇸 If not already a member, please consider joining the **bipartisan Impact Aid Coalitions** (see QR below).
- 🇺🇸 Please also consider supporting the **Advancing Toward Impact Aid Full Funding Act**, which is aimed at fully funding the Impact Aid program. This legislation would lay out a five-year path to fully funding Impact Aid (see QR below).
- 🇺🇸 More information from FLISA and NAFIS is also included under the following QR codes. **Thank you for your support!**



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