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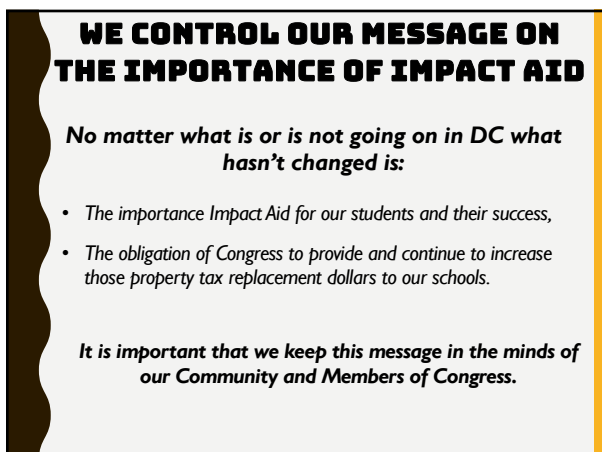
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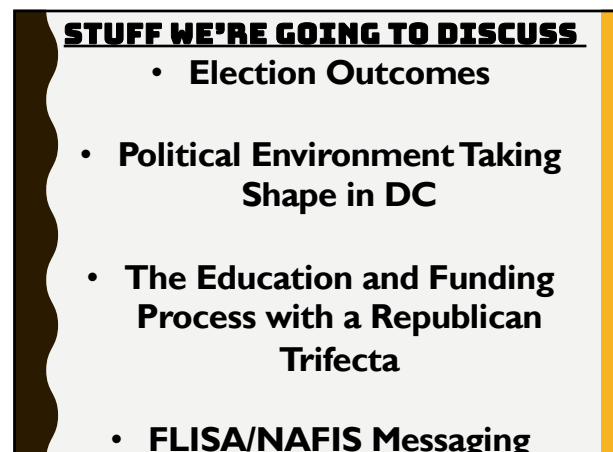
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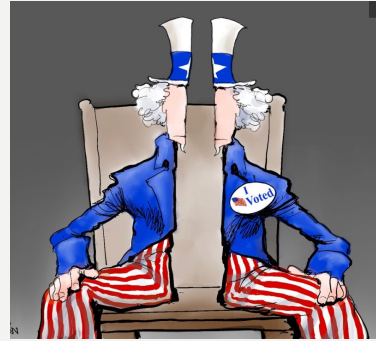
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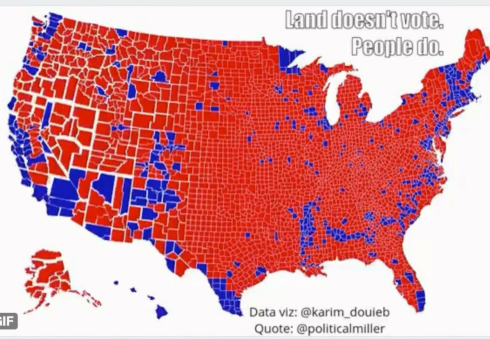
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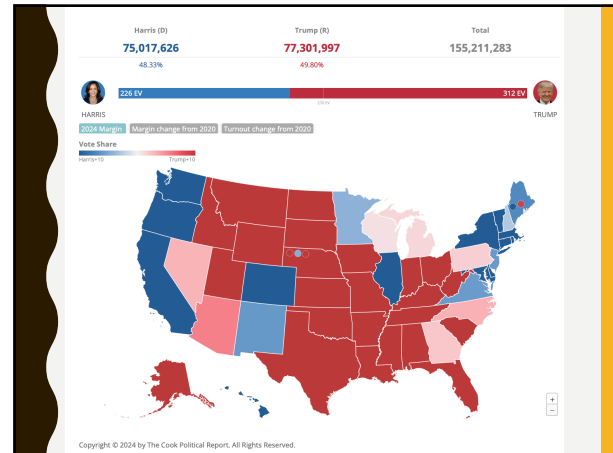


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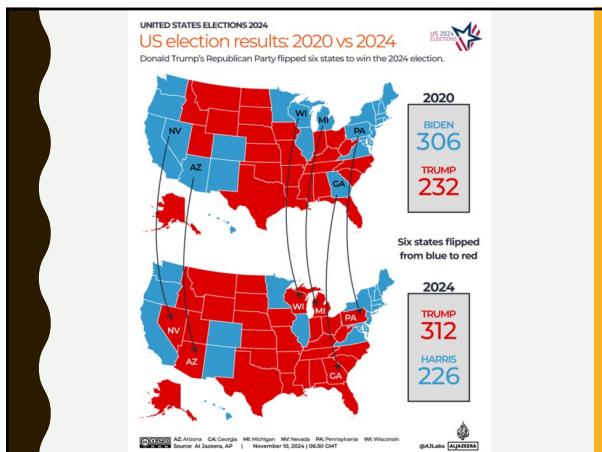
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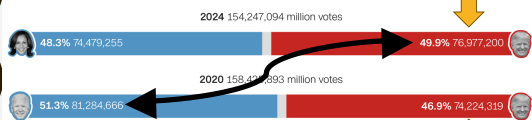
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About 4.2 million fewer Americans voted for president in the 2024 US election than did so in 2020

Vice President Kamala Harris received about 6.8 million fewer votes than Joe Biden in 2020 while President-elect Donald Trump gained around 2.8 million compared with 2020.

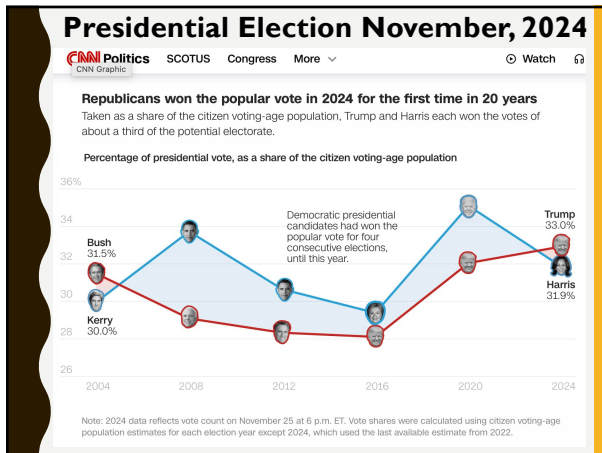
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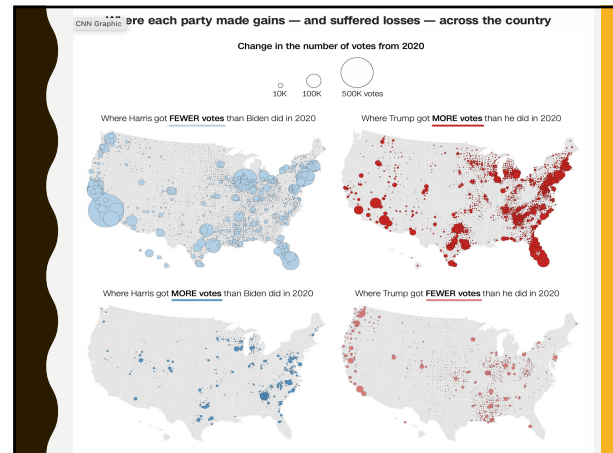
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Which of these Election Results is a Mandate?

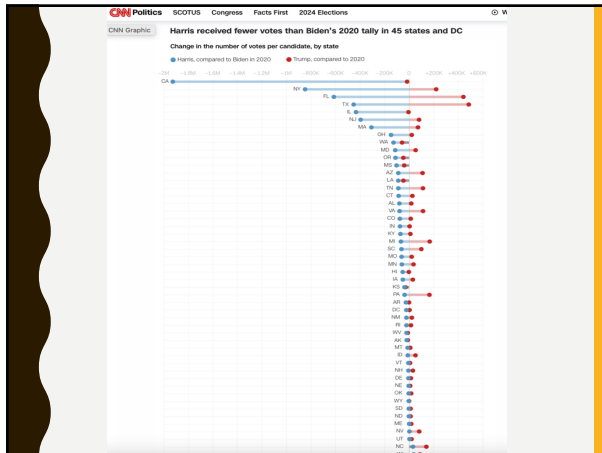
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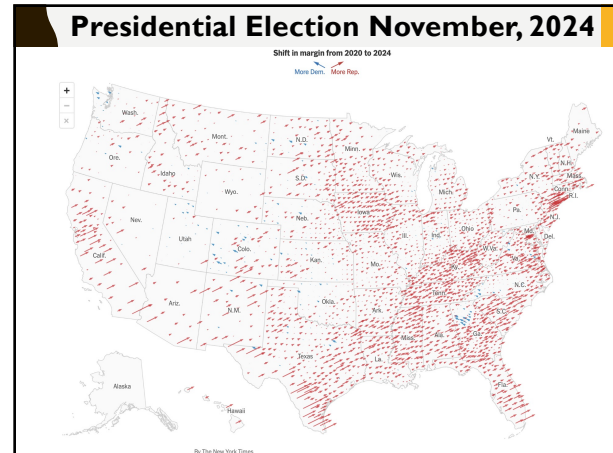
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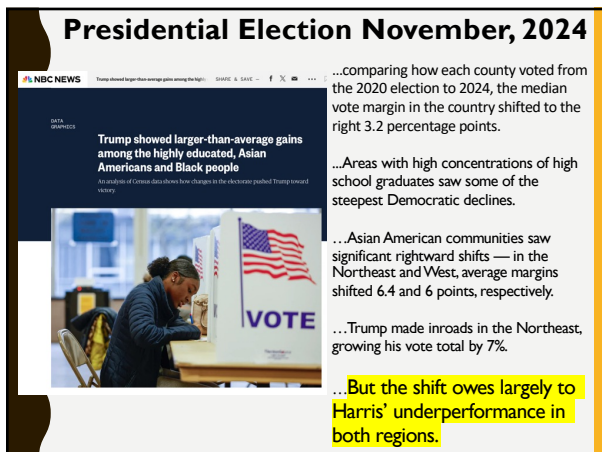
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Democrats' Fatal Flaw: The Party That Forgot How to Captivate America

From fireside chats to Facebook failures: Why Democrats keep losing the media war...

THOM HARTMANN
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The real problem with the Democratic Presidential campaign was a failure to control media narrative.

...Trump set tone for what the conversation was going to be about as he was better at using today's media.

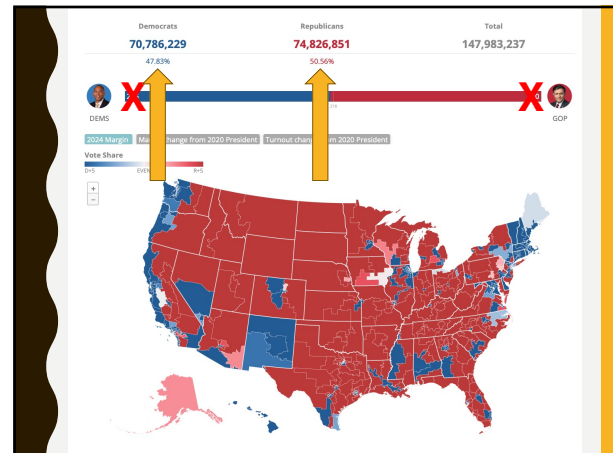
And today's media loves him. (See: Broligarchy articles.)

Democrats used to be good at media going back to FDR.

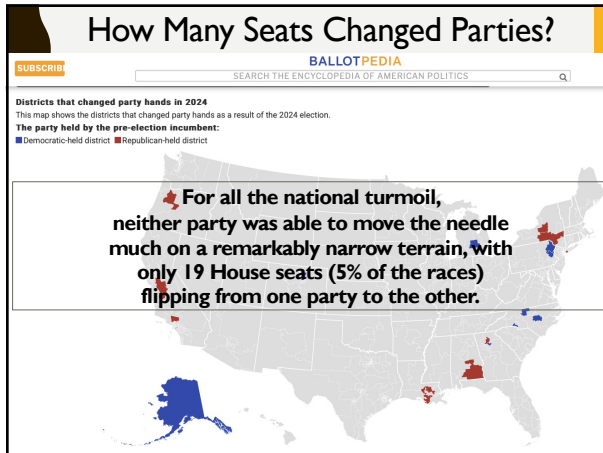
...But unless Dems can find a way to get back into controlling the media narrative, they will remain the minority party.

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Changes in partisan control in the U.S. House

Heading into the election, **Republicans** held a **220-212 majority** in the U.S. House with three vacancies. **Democrats** needed to gain a net of six districts to win a major **Republican** could only lose a net of five districts and maintain their majority or gain one or more districts to increase their majority. They lost a net of one seat.

U.S. House districts that changed party hands

Nineteen districts changed party hands due to the 2024 election. The table and map below shows which districts changed partisan control after the 2024 elections.

District	2020 Presidential margin	2022 U.S. House margin	Pre-election incumbent	Open?	2024 Election winner
Alabama's 2nd	Democrats+12.4	Republicans+39.9	Barry Moore	✓	Shomari Figures
Alaska's At-Large	Republicans+10.1	Democrats+10	Mary Peltola		Nicholas Begich
California's 13th	Democrats+10.9	Republicans+0.4	John Duarte		Adam Gray
California's 27th	Democrats+12.4	Republicans+6.4	Mike Garcia		George Whitesides
California's 45th	Democrats+6.2	Republicans+4.8	Michelle Steel		Derek Tran
Colorado's 8th	Democrats+4.6	Democrats+0.7	Yadira Caraveo		Gabe Evans
Georgia's 6th	Democrats+4.9	Republicans+24.4	Rich McCormick		Lucy McBath
Georgia's 7th	Republicans+19.6	Democrats+22.1	Lucy McBath		Rich McCormick
Louisiana's 6th	Democrats+19.7	Republicans+67.4	Garret Graves	✓	Cleo Fields
Michigan's 7th	Democrats+0.5	Democrats+5.4	Elissa Slotkin	✓	Tom Barrett
New York's 4th	Democrats+14.5	Republicans+3.6	Anthony D'Esposito		Laura Gillen
New York's 19th	Democrats+4.5	Republicans+4.6	Marc Molinaro		Josh Riley
New York's 22nd	Democrats+11.4	Republicans+1	Brandon Williams		John Mannion
North Carolina's 6th	Republicans+16.3	Democrats+8.9	Kathy Manning	✓	Addison McDowell
North Carolina's 13th	Republicans+17.3	Democrats+3.2	Wiley Nickel	✓	Brad Knott
North Carolina's 14th	Republicans+16.1	Republicans+15.4	Jeff Jackson	✓	Timothy K. Moore
Oregon's 5th	Democrats+8.9	Republicans+2.1	Lori Chavez-DeRemer		Janelle Bynum
Pennsylvania's 7th	Democrats+0.6	Democrats+2	Susan Wild		Ryan Mackenzie
Pennsylvania's 8th	Republicans+2.9	Democrats+2.4	Matt Cartwright		Rob Bresnahan Jr.

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Important House Races—Redistricting

Redistricting fights in these states could determine which party controls the US House

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The US Capitol in Washington, DC, on October 18, 2023. (John Lusk/Reuters)

In all, the results of these fights, Republicans currently hold just a narrow majority in the US House, with one vacancy. That narrow margin was underscored by the GOP's recent chaotic struggle to elect a new speaker.

...the Republicans who control the state legislature have crafted a map that could help them flip at least three seats.

* Democrats, meanwhile, could pick up seats under news lines in Alabama, Louisiana and New York. Six from New York and five from from California.

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The Impact of Gerrymandering:

The general trend is toward **fewer of these crossover districts**. In the 2000s, there were consistently about five dozen or more of these districts each election cycle, whereas since the 2012 redistricting cycle/election, the total has never eclipsed three dozen.

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Year	Ds in districts carried by R prez nominee	Rs in districts carried by D prez nominee	Total
2000	46	40	86
2002	32	26	58
2004	41	18	59
2006	62	8	70
2008	49	34	83
2010	12	62	74
2012	9	17	26
2014	5	26	31
2016	12	23	35
2018	31	3	34
2020	7	9	16
2022	5	18	23
2024	13	3	16

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TRUMP-DISTRICT DEMOCRATS (13)

District	Member	Trump	Harris	Trump margin	D vote	R vote	D margin	Difference
CA-13	Adam Gray	51.3%	45.9%	5.4%	50.0%	50.0%	0.1%	5.5%
CA-9	Josh Harder	49.4%	47.6%	1.8%	51.8%	48.2%	3.6%	5.4%
ME-2	Jared Golden	53.8%	44.2%	9.5%	50.3%	49.7%	0.7%	10.2%
MI-8	K. M. Rivet	50.2%	48.2%	2.0%	51.3%	44.6%	6.6%	8.6%
NC-1	Don Davis	51.1%	48.0%	3.1%	49.5%	47.8%	1.7%	4.8%
NJ-9	Nellie Pou	49.2%	48.0%	1.1%	50.8%	45.9%	4.9%	6.0%
NM-2	Gabe Vasquez	50.3%	48.3%	1.9%	52.1%	47.9%	4.2%	6.1%
NV-3	Susie Lee	49.5%	48.8%	0.7%	51.4%	48.6%	2.7%	3.5%
NY-3	Tom Suozzi	51.9%	46.7%	5.3%	51.8%	48.2%	3.6%	8.8%
OH-9	Marcy Kaptur	52.9%	46.2%	6.7%	48.3%	47.6%	0.6%	7.3%
TX-28	Henry Cuellar	53.1%	45.8%	7.3%	52.8%	47.2%	5.6%	12.9%
TX-34	Vicente Gonzalez	51.8%	47.4%	4.4%	51.3%	48.7%	2.6%	7.0%
WA-3	M. G. Perez	50.0%	46.7%	3.3%	51.7%	47.9%	3.9%	7.2%

HARRIS-DISTRICT REPUBLICANS (3)

District	Member	Harris	Trump	Harris margin	R vote	D vote	R margin	Difference
NE-2	Don Bacon	51.6%	47.0%	4.6%	50.9%	49.1%	1.9%	6.5%
NY-17	Mike Lawler	49.9%	49.4%	0.6%	52.2%	45.9%	6.3%	6.9%
PA-1	Brian Fitzpatrick	49.7%	49.4%	0.3%	56.4%	43.6%	12.8%	13.1%

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Republicans in Harris Districts

There is a trio of House Republicans in Harris-won districts. Crossover Reps. Brian Fitzpatrick (R, PA-1) in a suburban Philadelphia district and Mike Lawler (R, NY-17) in an exurban district north of New York City saw Harris only carry their respective districts by less than a percentage point apiece. That means that Rep. Don Bacon (R, NE-2) in Omaha, a surprising winner in 2024 with a well-earned reputation as an electoral survivor, is the only Republican who holds a non-marginal Harris district (this is the electoral vote that Harris won in Nebraska).

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Pick-ups for 2026

It's also worth noting that while there are just a few Harris-district Republicans, there are several Republicans in narrow Trump districts that Democrats will target in 2026, such as Reps. Juan Ciscomani (R, AZ-6), Gabe Evans (R, CO-8), Tom Barrett (R, MI-7), Tom Kean Jr. (R, NJ-7), and Jen Kiggans (R, VA-2)—Trump won all of these districts by less than 2 points apiece after Biden carried them in 2020. Remember, too, that Democrats won 215 seats in 2024, so they are already starting from a fairly high point, and they only need to net 3 more to win the House.

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Midterm History

If Democrats do flip the House in 2026, it stands to reason that they would flip at least a few of these narrow Trump-won Republican districts—which would have the effect of expanding their roster of crossover members in 2028. Meanwhile, reducing the number of Trump-district Democrats would likely be part of the formula for **Republicans if they are able to overcome midterm history and hold the House.**

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With control of Congress solidified, where did each party flip seats this election cycle?

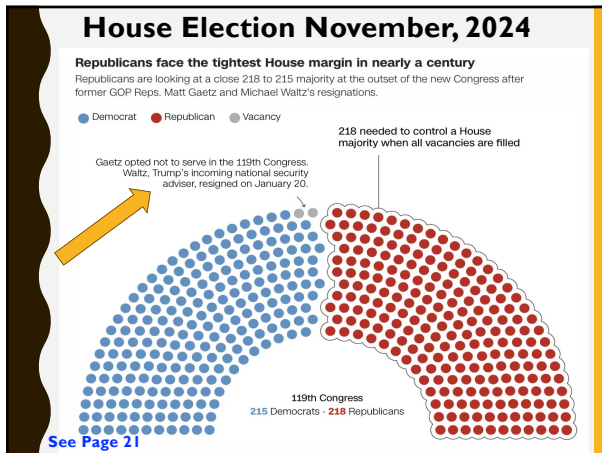
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What You Need To Know

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- With this week's call, Republicans secured 220 seats to Democrats' 215 to hold onto its slim majority in the House
- Yet, in what could be seen as a bright spot for Democrats in a lackluster election cycle for the party, they are set to start the next session of Congress with an ever-so-slightly larger contingent in the lower chamber than they had following the 2022 midterms
- On the Senate side, Republicans were able to flip a handful of seats in a feat that included ousting a few long-serving Democratic incumbents, to take back control of the upper chamber with a 53-47 majority
- Six of Democrats' flipped districts came in California and New York — two deep blue states in which Democrats lost

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Speaker Johnson's historically narrow House majority shrinks even further

Trump has named GOP Rep. Elise Stefanik of New York as his pick for US ambassador to the United Nations, a role that is subject to Senate confirmation.

If Stefanik is confirmed as expected, Republicans' House majority would drop down to 217 to 215.

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Vacant seats in the House don't remain vacant forever. Special elections have already been set to fill the Florida congressional seats held by Gaetz and Waltz, but that won't happen immediately and the seats are expected to remain vacant for several months.

With Republicans in control of Washington, there will be intense pressure on GOP leaders to swiftly enact Trump's agenda.

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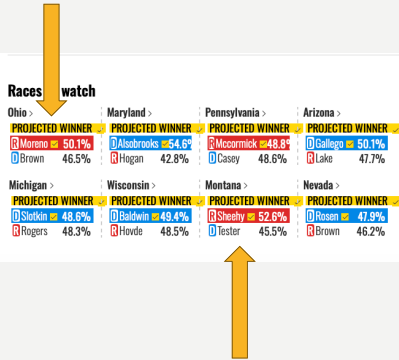
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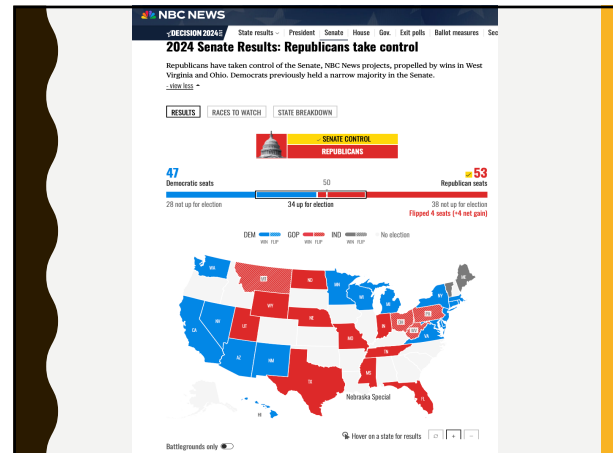
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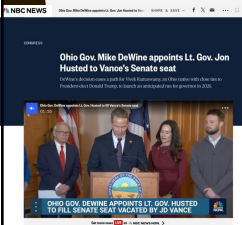


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Husted's move has broader ramifications on Ohio's political landscape, removing him from a long-planned run to succeed the term-limited DeWine as governor in 2026.

It also eases a path for biotech entrepreneur Vivek Ramaswamy, who has signaled interest in mounting his own campaign for governor.

Husted, 57, will hold the Senate seat at least through a 2026 special election to fill the remaining two years of Vance's term.

In an interview with NBC News, Husted confirmed that he will run to keep the seat. He said that he had spoken with Trump by phone Friday morning.

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Mr. Sheehy, a 38-year-old former Navy SEAL, beat Mr. Tester, the three-term Democratic incumbent, despite being dogged by controversies during the campaign.

He faced scrutiny over his conflicting stories about how he received a bullet wound in his right forearm and questions about the stability of his aerial firefighting business.

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Tribal leaders renew calls for an apology from U.S. Senate candidate Tim Sheehy

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The GOP candidate in Montana's close U.S. Senate race is defending himself after recordings of his racist comments against Native Americans were leaked. Tribal leaders are demanding an apology.

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President-elect Donald Trump is nominating Rubio for secretary of state, creating an opening for DeSantis to fill until an election in 2026. He's appointed Florida State's Attorney, Ashley Moody.

...the pick also makes sense for the Florida GOP, whose leaders are already considering who will run to replace a term-limited DeSantis in 2026.

In both 2018 and 2022, when Moody was elected to be attorney general and DeSantis governor, she garnered more votes than he did.

"Some Republicans have told me that she will probably have a smooth path to be elected to the Senate seat [in 2026]," MacManus said. "She did really well the last time she ran. She got more votes than anybody."

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Political Environment Taking Shape in DC



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4. (Mis)information
5. Immigration
6. Tarriffs



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1. Summarize the Article
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In High-Speed Power Grab, Trump Seeks to Remake the Federal Government

Bending and breaking the law to fire and disempower bureaucrats.

DON KETTL
JAN 28, 2025

YOU MAY SEE ARTICLES arguing that one action or another action taken by Trump resembles something that a previous administration did. That totally, completely misses what's happening. The Trump restoration is simply unlike anything that we've ever seen before.

It's singularly, startlingly focused on increasing the president's power, by its reading of Article II of the Constitution and the most far-reaching implementation of the "unitary executive" theory that's become popular in conservative legal circles over the last forty years.

It's a powerful strategy, designed not only to boost Trump's policy plans but also to transform governance. It's happening with a speed intended to overwhelm lawmakers, watchdog groups, journalists, and the public. Careful vigilance and swift action in the courts are called for—before it's too late.

<https://thebulwark.com/2025/01/28/in-high-speed-power-grab-trump-seeks-to-remake-the-federal-government/>

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Good afternoon. Trump has stepped in to save TikTok (for now) from a forced sale or ban — but the consequences of his decision could extend far beyond the popular app.

Trump's decision is in direct violation of the law passed by Congress — could even be...

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FBI DIRECTOR—ENEMIES LIST

People on Kash Patel's so-called 'enemies list' taking drastic steps for protection before his potential FBI takeover

By Anne Cooper and David Cohen, CNN
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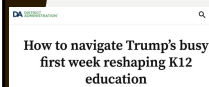
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REPUBLICAN TRIFECTA: TRUMP ED.



Trump **didn't have much to say about education** during his inauguration, except that America has "an education system that teaches our children to be ashamed of themselves, in many cases to hate our country despite the love that we try so desperately to provide them."



...Last Monday, he signed several executive orders to **reverse** efforts by the Biden administration to provide **protections for LGBTQ+ students and expand access to education for Hispanic, Native American and Black students.**

...On Tuesday, he also directed **Immigration** and Customs Enforcement and Customs and Border Protection agents to **begin patrolling "sensitive" areas, like K12 schools and colleges, for enforcement actions.** In other words, schools are no longer off-limits for immigration enforcement operations.

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Immigration Supports for School Leaders

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Toolkit | Advocacy & Policy, Communications & Public Relations, Community & Family Engagement, Immigration, Legal Matters
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Resources for educational leaders in preparation of potential increased immigration enforcement efforts.

Due to recent government actions including the rescinding of a 2021 memo on "protected areas" that included schools, the subject of immigration has been widely discussed across the country. Specifically, there are concerns that increasing efforts to deport undocumented individuals living in the United States will play out in schools and other places where children gather, learn and receive essential services.

It is important to understand that, by law, a child's immigration status (or that of their parents) does not affect their right to receive a public education. As always, school leaders are focused on providing a safe and welcoming learning environment where every student can grow, thrive and learn how to contribute productively to society.

AASA recognizes the current environment around immigration may raise serious concerns within your community. We are here to assist you in any way we can, and we encourage you to take advantage of the resources and supports available when making your plans and coordinating your outreach.

KEY ISSUE

Immigration

Access advocacy & policy updates and additional resources on immigration.

For Migrant Families:

→ Develop a family presence/absence plan and identify a trusted contact for your student(s).

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School choice programs are expected to gain more attention from President-elect Donald Trump and his allies in the Republican-controlled Congress. Though these programs are likely to expand, access to **educational opportunities remains uneven** for many families.



The Washington Post

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Supreme Court to decide whether states can allow religious public schools

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Charter schools are publicly funded but privately operated and must abide by many of the rules that govern traditional public schools. **If the court allows states to directly fund religious charter schools, many existing private religious schools would be able to seek to convert to charter schools and benefit from full government funding, further eroding the line between government and religion.**

Oklahoma law clearly states that charter schools may not be sectarian or affiliated with a religious institution, and the state constitution bars spending public money, directly or indirectly, for any religious purpose, including teaching. **Voters rejected an effort in 2016 to change the state's constitution, with 57 percent voting no to allowing such spending.**

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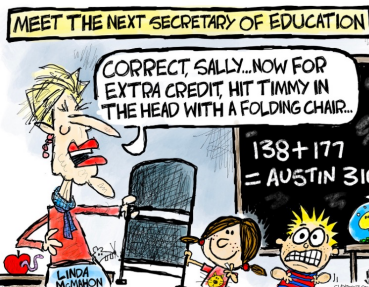
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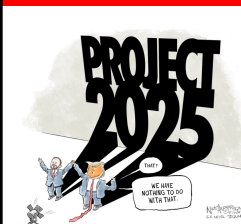


...One policy in particular continues to make media headlines, and that's Trump's proposal to **dismantle the U.S. Department of Education**, which would transfer more power to the states, parents and local governments, according to the **Project 2025** website.

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DEVELOPING STORY SEN. ROUNDS INTRODUCES BILL TO ABOLISH DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

On Thursday, Senator Mike Rounds introduced legislation to eliminate the U.S. Department of Education.

By Dakota News Now staff

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SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (Dakota News Now) — On Thursday, Senator Mike Rounds introduced legislation to eliminate the U.S. Department of Education.

The proposed "Returning Education to Our States Act" would assign the department's responsibilities to other federal entities.

The bill would require the total abolishment within a year after it was enacted into law.

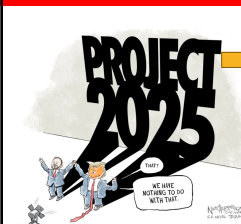
"For years, I've worked toward removing the federal Department of Education. I'm pleased that President-elect Trump shares this vision, and I'm excited to work with him and Republican majorities in the Senate and House to make this a reality. This legislation is a roadmap to eliminating the federal Department of Education by practically reforming these federal programs in the departments where they belong, which will be critical as we move into next year," Sen. Rounds said.

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<https://www.dakotane.wsnews.com/2024/11/21/sen-rounds-introduces-bill-to-abolish-department-of-education/>

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PROJECT 2025 AND 7002 IMPACT AID



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- Eliminate Impact Aid not tied to students.

- Move student-driven Impact Aid programs to the Department of Defense Education Authority (DEEA) or the Department of Interior's Bureau of Indian Education.

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- Transfer the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education's few programs to the Department of Labor, but

- Move the Tribally Controlled Postsecondary Career and Technical Education Program to the Bureau of Indian Education.

- Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)

- The Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) houses nearly two dozen programs, ranging from funding for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and the National Technical Institute for the Deaf to Special Olympics Funding and the American Printing House for the Blind.

- Must IDEA funding should be converted into a no-strings formula block grant targeted at students with disabilities and distributed directly to local education agencies by Health and Human Service's Administration for Community Living.

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PROJECT 2025 AND 2002 IMPACT AID



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Jayson Schimmenti
Director, Policy & Advocacy

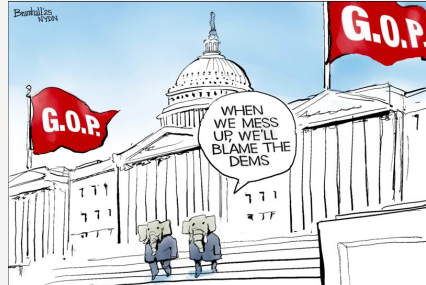
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Education and Funding Process with a Republican Trifecta



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REPUBLICAN TRIFECTA: TRUMP RECONCILIATION & TAXES, ETC.

In the Budget Process Slides that Follow

Count how many times March 14th comes up as an important date.

We will be DC for the NAFIS Conference that week.

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REPUBLICAN TRIFECTA: TRUMP RECONCILIATION & TAXES, ETC.

January 13, 2025

HEATHER COX RICHARDSON

Heather Cox Richardson Newsletter:

The Incoming Trump administration is working to put its agenda into place.

With extraordinarily slim majorities in the House and Senate, Republicans are talking about pushing through their entire agenda through Congress as a **single bill in the process known as budget reconciliation.**

Budget reconciliation, which deals with matters related to spending, revenue, and the debt limit, is one of the few things that **cannot be filibustered.**

...pass a reconciliation bill that **covers: border security, defense spending, the extension of Trump's 2017 tax cuts, spending cuts to social welfare programs, energy deregulation, and an increase in the national debt limit.**

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...**Trump has demanded that Congress either raise or abandon the debt ceiling** because the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office estimates that the tax cuts he wants to extend will add \$4.6 trillion to the deficit

...Republicans are **backing away from adding a debt increase to the budget reconciliation** package out of concern that members of the far-right Freedom Caucus will kill the entire bill

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...Republicans are currently **exploring the idea of leveraging aid to California** for the deadly fires in order to get Democrats to sign on to raising the debt ceiling.

...California "is literally subsidizing the rest of the United States, red states in particular, through the federal budget." In 2022, the most recent year for which information is available, **California paid \$83 billion more to the federal government than it got back.**

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REPUBLICAN TRIFECTA: TRUMP DEBT LIMIT

THE MAJORITY Punchbowl: January 22, 2025

Trump, Johnson, Thune have their work cut out for them with the debt limit

It shouldn't be shocking that boosting the debt limit is quickly shaping up to be one of the most difficult issues confronting the Republican trifecta that's running Washington. And that became clear in the Oval Office Tuesday.

Putting the debt-limit provision in reconciliation looks to be off the table because it would cost Republican votes. The margins will already be very tight on this GOP-only package — or packages.

That **leaves inserting the debt limit into any broader government funding bill, which needs to pass by March 14**. But the downside of this move is that it would shift a massive amount of leverage to Democrats, who will provide **the bulk of votes to pass any FY2025 spending measures**. And they're going to want something in return.

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REPUBLICAN TRIFECTA: DELAY GRANTS/IMPOUNDMENT



Hoagland and other budget experts have expressed concern about Trump's promises to **wrest spending control away from Congress**. Hoagland said he fears the deferral could be a **precursor to a broader assertion of executive spending power**.

"I worry this is an effort to hold back on not implementing the law of the land as it relates to the budget process," Hoagland said. "And in terms of the impact, it could be huge."

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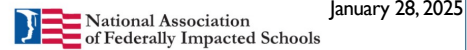


"The Trump White House freeze on congressionally mandated federal aid is reckless and unprecedented," Phil Weiser, the attorney general of Colorado, said in a statement. "This action takes the power of the purse away from Congress, violates the separation of powers, and is already causing massive harm in Colorado, undermining delivery of healthcare, education, and public safety."

By instituting a freeze, the White House illustrated in the starkest terms to date that Trump is willing to test the limits of the president's authority over the budget. The U.S. Constitution affords the power of the purse to Congress, but Trump has signaled he could circumvent lawmakers anyway, potentially terminating entire categories of spending that he opposes.

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REPUBLICAN TRIFECTA: DELAY GRANTS/IMPOUNDMENT



Last night, the Trump administration issued a directive to temporarily freeze all federal grant and loan disbursements. Initially it appeared that the Impact Aid Program was included in that directive.

However, earlier today spokeswoman Madison Biedermann clarified that for the U.S. Department of Education, the funding pause "only applies to discretionary grants" and it "does not impact Title I, IDEA, or other formula grants."

Impact Aid Section 7002 Federal Property and Section 7003 Basic Support (including 7003(d) Children with Disabilities) are formula grants. Impact Aid Section 7007(b), the competitive construction grants scheduled for FY 2025, could be affected by this pause. As the application for these grants has not yet opened, there appears to be no immediate impact on Impact Aid due to this directive. If the freeze extends once FY 2025 7007 Construction funds are appropriated, there could be disruptions to the grant process.

NAFIS will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as it develops.

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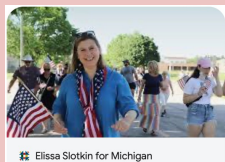
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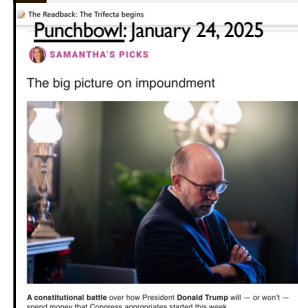


"If it is already approved by Congress it can't be put on hold."

--Is this good or bad news for Impact Aid?

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REPUBLICAN TRIFECTA: IMPOUNDMENT



Trump and his picks to run the Office of Management and Budget, Russ Vought and Mark

Paoletta, have argued that the president can unilaterally choose not to spend funds appropriated by Congress, a process called impoundment.


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REPUBLICAN TRIFECTA: IMPOUNDMENT

The Readback: The Trifecta begins
Punchbowl: January 24, 2025
SAMANTHA'S PICKS

The big picture on impoundment



The major question in the months ahead will be how Republicans will respond to these orders.

We already saw some Republicans defending Trump's actions, saying as long as they agree with his cuts they're OK by them.


A constitutional battle over how President Donald Trump will — or won't — spend money that Congress appropriates started this week.

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The January leader look

Vote on Vought: Schumer's strategy is to focus on Russell Vought, Trump's nominee for OMB director and a key architect of Project 2025.

Democrats boycotted Vought's Budget Committee vote Thursday and held a press conference instead. Democrats see Vought as the one pulling the strings on key elements of Trump's agenda. And they believe that once he's confirmed, nearly every dispute will run through Vought.

Vought's nomination is expected on the Senate floor as soon as next week... "Trump is going to learn that he's a liability — not as a person, as a symbol — for his policies. Already they've had to back off."

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The Washington Post
Democracy Dies in Darkness
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How Trump is stretching laws to make the federal government more political

The White House is exploiting, and sometimes outright ignoring, the arcane laws, rules and regulations that have long protected the civil service of 2.3 million from a political takeover.

January 29, 2025
Today at 9:35 a.m. EST

The sweeping changes reflect Trump's campaign pledge to "dismantle the deep state" by firing bureaucrats he blamed for thwarting his first term agenda. The executive

Schneider Asks: *If the President can choose only loyalist to be in government... What would that government be called? Democracy?*

Not sure right now if this will do to the Impact Aid team at the Dept. of Education. Who have been working from home.

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CONGRESS: CHECK PLEASE?

The U.S. Congress, MIA
by William Kristol

In the United States, we have three branches of government. Or we're supposed to have three branches of government.

The legislative branch has the honor of being the first branch of the government specified in the Constitution. Article I informs us that "All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States."

One of the most crucial of those powers is the appropriation of funds to be expended by the executive branch, the specification of how those funds are to be used by the executive, and oversight of their use.

"You'd think that Congress would be up in arms about its fundamental power being ripped away by another branch. Nope."

https://www.thereadback.com/reading-high-speed-governor-federal-governments-bureaucracy-what-happens-when-the-deep-state-is-dismantled

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January 10, 2025

Congress lacks power. It has, lackadaisically or prudentially (to avoid controversial decisions), sloughed off many responsibilities by vast grants of discretion to the president.

Under today's presidentialism ethos, the president, not Congress, is supposed to set the nation's agenda and dominate its political conversation. And congressional members of the president's party are expected to be almost completely compliant.

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Cory Lewis

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TRUMP DOESN'T START OVERLY POPULAR

Initial Job Approval Ratings of Elected U.S. Presidents, 1953-2025

President	Dates	% Approve	% Disapprove	% No opinion
John Kennedy	1961 Feb 10-15	72	6	22
Dwight Eisenhower	1953 Feb 1-5	68	7	25
Barack Obama	2009 Jan 21-23	68	12	21
Jimmy Carter	1977 Feb 4-7	66	8	26
Richard Nixon	1969 Jan 23-28	59	9	36
Bill Clinton	1993 Jan 24-26	58	20	22
Joe Biden	2021 Jan 21-Feb 2	57	37	6
George W. Bush	2001 Feb 1-4	57	25	18
George H.W. Bush	1989 Jan 24-26	51	6	43
Ronald Reagan	1981 Jan 30-Feb 2	51	13	36
Donald Trump (Term 2)	2025 Jan 21-27	47	48	5
Donald Trump (Term 1)	2017 Jan 20-22	45	45	10

Data are from the first poll conducted after each president's inauguration.

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TRUMP ORDERS ARE NOT POPULAR

Trump's approval rating dips after rush of executive orders, poll finds

Donald Trump's popularity has fallen somewhat as an early rush of executive orders – including renaming the Gulf of Mexico and attacking birthright citizenship – are fairly unpopular with Americans, a new Reuters/Ipsos poll found.


Most Americans opposed ending the nation's longstanding practice of granting citizenship to children born in the US even if neither parent has legal immigration status, the poll found. About 59% of respondents – including 89% of Democrats and 36% of Republicans – said they opposed ending birthright citizenship.

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IS THIS LOWERING THE PRICE OF EGGS?

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Poll shows disapproval of immigration policies and Gulf of Mexico renaming



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Schneider Thoughts: Members of Congress will stay with “Trump the Winner” until he is no longer a seen as a Winner.

A federal judge last week temporarily blocked the Trump administration from making changes to birthright citizenship. But the White House has vowed to fight on.

Several pro-life of respondents oppose renaming the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of America, an action Trump announced on his first day in office. Only 20% of respondents supported the idea, with the rest not sure.

About 50% of respondents, including 50% of Republicans, opposed Trump's moves to end federal efforts to prosecute the killing of women and members of racial minority groups. When asked specifically about Trump's order to allow all federal law enforcement, except in the case of ICE, officers, respondents were split.

Republicans in Congress have been largely supportive of Trump's actions. However, some have expressed concerns about the administration's actions.

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FIRST SIGNS OF CONGRESS NOT AN EQUAL BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT

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A BOLDNESS NEWSLETTER

Congressional Republicans Prefer Being a Doormat

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WILLIAM KRISTOL AND BENJAMIN PARKER
JAN 29

Let's see what happens this week in Senate committee hearings on three of Trump's least qualified Cabinet nominees. Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Tulsi Gabbard, and Kash Patel are unfit for high office and should be rejected on these grounds alone.

But they've also expressed distinctively anti-constitutional views of how our government should work—

Defeating these nominees would be important not merely for reasons of sound policy. It would also be a step toward pushing back on Trump's anti-constitutional usurpations.

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Will Democratic senators make the case against these nominees vigorously and effectively?

Will those few but key Republican senators who haven't entirely forgotten that they do have constitutional responsibilities rise to the occasion?

Recent performance wouldn't suggest too much confidence. But...Alexander Hamilton remarks that the delegation of power to a legislature implies that "there is a portion of virtue and honor among mankind which may be a reasonable foundation of confidence" in good government.

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FACTS HAVE A WELL KNOWN LIBERAL BIAS

As Trump's election is certified, Americans should declare war on stupidity | Opinion

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Rex Huppke
USA TODAY
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Stupidity isn't about book smarts, it's about choosing ignorance...

Stupidity is speaking authoritatively about things you don't understand at all. It's the willingness to say something objectively false and refuse to admit you're wrong.

It's the lack of curiosity that allows our leaders to accept bologna conspiracy theories over provable facts.

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Nobody's job is to make fools feel comfortable.

When Trump blames an act of domestic terrorism by a former U.S. Army soldier on immigrants, we should loudly call that what it is: stupid. It's not a matter of differing opinions or "agreeing to disagree."

It's, "If you can't accept basic facts, you're a chucklehead who should be shunned."

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Do it for America: **Make Stupidity Embarrassing Again**

So I encourage you, as this year goes along, to make politicians who say stupid things feel uncomfortable.

Comforting fools paves a path for more fools to follow. Do America a favor – mock stupidity at every turn.

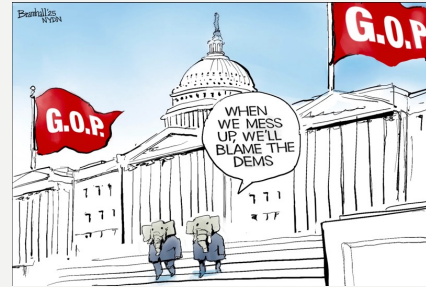
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Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies	Joe Manchin (D-WV)	Jeff Merkley (D-OR)
Energy and Water Development	John Thune (R-SD)	Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)
Financial Services and General Government	Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)	Bill Hagerty (R-TN)
Homeland Security	Chris Murphy (D-CT)	Katie Britt (R-AL)
Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies	Jeff Merkley (D-OR)	Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)
Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies	Timmy Wainwright (D-WI)	Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)
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State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs	Chris Coons (D-DE)	Limmy Graham (R-SC)
Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies	Brian Schatz (D-HI)	Chad Cooper (R-NE)

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Important Committees of 119th Congress:

Senate H.E.L.P. Committee (Health, Education, Labor and Pensions)

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions <http://www.help.senate.gov/>

Total Members: 23

Subcommittees (3)	Majority Members (12)	Minority Members (11)
Subcommittee on Children and Families	Cassidy, Bill (LA), Chairman	Sanders, Bernard (VT), Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety	Murray, Patty (WA)	Murray, Patty (WA)
Subcommittee on Primary Health and Retirement Security	Collins, Susan M. (ME)	Baldwin, Tommy (WI)
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Politics

New Majority Leader Thune kicks off Senate session with pledge to preserve filibuster

1 of 2 | Senate Minority Whip John Thune, R-S.D., arrives to speak to reporters following a closed-door session on Friday, Jan. 3, 2025. Thune, R-S.D., and Senate Republicans are [likely to hold](#) on Friday a little more than two weeks before [Senate Republicans](#) will be inaugurated, cementing a firm GOP hold on Washington. And Thune will have to navigate his new responsibilities along with the new president, who has made clear he expects allegiance from Congress - and has previously called for eliminating the filibuster.

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Important Committees of 119th Congress:

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Important Committees of 119th Congress:

House Committee on Education and Workforce

Members, 119th Congress [edit]

Majority	Minority
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Subcommittees [edit]

Subcommittee	Chair	Ranking Member
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Higher Education and Workforce Development	Burgess Owens (R-UT)	Alvin Adams (D-NC)
Workforce Protections	Payton Menon (R-PA)	Shan Omar (D-MN)

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NAFIS Messaging for 119th Congress

 National Association of Federally Impacted Schools

 Jaxon Schimmler
Director, Policy & Advocacy
E-mail Jaxon

Jaxon leads NAFIS policy and regulatory work with Congress and the Administration, manages the organization's grassroots efforts and builds relationships with key stakeholder organizations and coalitions. He brings nearly a decade of experience as a lobbyist and policy staffer on Capitol Hill to this role. He most recently served as D.C. Executive Director for Duane Morris Government Strategies, managing federal policy priorities for various clients. Before that, Jaxon worked as a congressional staffer for six years.


Nicole E-mail December 9th

"I'm cautiously optimistic that Impact Aid will see a slight increase in FY 2025, closer to the House draft bill numbers. Right now, based on Republican agendas and past behaviors, we will be manning a strong defense in FY 2026 appropriations. We're going to have to fight to protect the funding we have. Project 2025 (conservative think tank proposal) recommends zeroing out Sec. 7002 Federal Property so that's one of our biggest concerns."

Should this still be our take away?

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NAFIS Efforts 2024

 National Association of Federally Impacted Schools

2024 YEAR END REPORT

NAFIS ADVOCATES FOR IMPACT AID, FEDERALLY IMPACTED SCHOOL DISTRICTS & THE STUDENTS THEY SERVE

VOICE: INCREASED INFLUENCE ON CAPITOL HILL

- Achieved an 17 mil increase for Impact Aid FY 2024 in a tight budget climate
- Expanded the Congressional Impact Aid Caucus to 27 Senators & 67 Reps
- Won a successful Impact Aid Infrastructure bill on Capitol Hill
- Increased co-sponsorship of priority legislation
- Advancing Toward Impact Aid Full Funding Act: 18 Senators & 41 Reps
- Impact Aid Infrastructure Partnership Act: 12 Senators & 12 Reps

AWARENESS: BOOSTED VISIBILITY & UNDERSTANDING

- Hosted 8 webinars providing members with expert knowledge and strategies
- Rebranded and widely distributed: The Basics of Impact Aid booklet
- Expanded media outreach, including:
- Placed a letter to the editor on teacher housing in Indian Lands school districts
- Secured a national media quote on the importance of funding for military students
- Grew social media presence, increasing reach and engagement across platforms

COMMUNITY: UNIFIED & EMPOWERED NAFIS STAKEHOLDERS

- Hosted two successful conferences to strengthen the NAFIS Family: 100 Spring & 2024 Fall conference attendees
- Fostered collaboration within the NAFIS State Chap network, representing 31 states
- Empowered NAFIS members to engage using the NAFIS Action Guide, with 710 advocates sending more than 3,100 emails to Congress
- Offered personalized support to members

SUSTAINABILITY: MANAGED RESOURCES EFFECTIVELY

- Secured new Association Management System (AMS) to improve member services & staff efficiency
- Rebuilt benefits structure to reflect costs & remain competitive
- Reorganized staffing to align with strategic plan

FEDERALLY IMPACTED SCHOOLS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION (FISEF, the NAFIS Foundation)

- Launched a referral app
- 160+ Registrants for seven Impact Aid webinars
- 2nd Seed Grant application received, with three events totaling \$11,000 in revenue

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IMPACT AID FY24 PAYMENTS OVERVIEW

The federal government is expected to accept from paying taxes on its property. Local tax revenue comprises a significant part of a school district's budget. As Congress considers the Impact Aid Program to provide federal assistance for local tax revenue lost by the federal government - Title VII of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

1082 Total number of Federally Impacted School Districts, located in 48 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

943 Basic Support School Districts

200 Federal Property School Districts

61 Both Federal Property & Basic Support School Districts

SECTION 7002 - FEDERAL PROPERTY

4.7M Total Number of Federal Land in Section 7002 School Districts

55 School Districts have Non-Federal Land (such as national parks, VA hospitals, military academies, national laboratories, etc.)

SECTION 7003 - BASIC SUPPORT

677,755 Federal Students

48,968 Federal Children with Disabilities

7,653,431 Total Federal Children

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 National Association of Federally Impacted Schools

2025 Legislative Agenda

NAFIS advocates for Impact Aid, federally impacted school districts and the students they serve.

Impact Aid is a federal education program that reimburses school districts for lost tax revenue and additional costs due to the presence of nonresidential federal land, including military installations, Indian trust and treaty lands, federal low-income housing, national laboratories, and other federal properties. Since most public school districts rely on local taxes for funding, districts containing federal property can have significant financial challenges. Impact Aid funding can be used to meet any general fund need, including staffing, mental health services, technology and transportation, benefiting all students. Despite its importance, Impact Aid has not been fully funded in decades. To ensure Impact Aid fulfills its purpose, in 2025 NAFIS is advocating that:

Increase Impact Aid funding for FY 2025 and FY 2026

With schools facing many challenges, including the need for facilities upgrades, teacher recruitment and retention issues, and recent funding cuts, Impact Aid is more crucial than ever. Additional funds are essential to make certain that federally impacted school districts have the resources they need to provide a quality education.

Reintroduce and build support for the Advancing Toward Impact Aid Full Funding Act

The federal government has not met its responsibility to fully fund Impact Aid since 1980. The bipartisan Advancing Toward Impact Aid Full Funding Act would create a five-year plan to fully fund Section 7003 Basic Support and offer a proportional increase to Section 7002 Federal Property. It would also provide substantial funds to Section 7003(b) Children with Disabilities and Section 7002 Construction. These increases would allow significant annual funding improvements for school districts, helping ensure all students have the resources they need to reach their full potential.

Reintroduce and build support for the Impact Aid Infrastructure Partnership Act

The current Impact Aid Construction allocation of just \$10 million per year is insufficient to meet most internal renovation needs and provides no funding to build new schools or address teacher housing. The Impact Aid Infrastructure Partnership Act proposes an additional \$1 billion over four years (\$250 million per year) for the program, providing students and staff in federally impacted school districts with access to safe, modern education facilities.

Celebrate the 75th anniversary of Impact Aid

2025 marks the 75th anniversary of Impact Aid, which was signed into law by President Harry S. Truman in 1950. To commemorate the milestone, NAFIS will work with Impact Aid champions in the Senate and House to introduce commemorative resolutions recognizing September 20, 2025, as "Impact Aid Day."


Grow the Congressional Impact Aid Caucus

By joining the bipartisan and bicameral Congressional Impact Aid Caucus (formerly the House and Senate Impact Aid Caucuses), Members of Congress show support for federally impacted school districts and Impact Aid. Established in the 1980s, the Caucus has had many successful efforts to protect and prioritize the Impact Aid program.

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TALKING POINTS: 2025 NAFIS SPRING CONFERENCE

Impact Aid Overview

The federal government seeks to compensate school districts for lost property tax revenue arising from the presence of nonresidential federal property (e.g., military installations, Indian trust and treaty lands, federal low-income housing, national laboratories and universities, and other federal lands) within school district boundaries. Funding appropriated annually by Congress goes directly to school districts and can be used for any general fund purpose, including staff, mental health support, technology, and transportation, supporting all students. This flexibility allows school districts to target funds based on need. While Impact Aid is immensely helpful to school districts, it has not been fully funded in decades.

Appropriations - FY 2023 & FY 2025

With schools facing many challenges, including the need to build or renovate facilities, attract and retain educators, and adjust to recent education cuts, Impact Aid dollars are more precious now than they have ever been. In addition, experts project a decrease in the general payment for Section 7003 Basic Support due to the inclusion of COVID relief funding and inflation in payment calculations. That means that without a significant increase in appropriations or a legislative fix, some districts should prepare for lower Impact Aid payments in FY 2025 compared to FY 2023.

Talking Points:

- THANK THEM for Congress' recent investments in the Impact Aid program.
- Fiscal Year 2025:
 - SUPPORT the Senate's \$20 million increase for Impact Aid in FY 2025:
 - \$15.5 million increase for Basic Support
 - \$2 million increase for Federal Property
 - \$2.5 million increase for Construction
- Fiscal Year 2026:
 - REQUEST an increase for Impact Aid in FY 2026:
 - Increase for Basic Support
 - Increase for Children with Disabilities
 - Increase for Federal Property
 - Increase for Construction
- EXPLAIN how a possible cut to your Impact Aid payment would affect your district.

Advancing Toward Impact Aid Full Funding Act

The federal government has a responsibility to fund Impact Aid fully, but it has not met this responsibility since 1980. This legislation would establish a five-year path to full funding and ensure meaningful annual increases to districts. The Advancing Toward Impact Aid Full Funding Act is a bipartisan effort. The legislation would fully fund Basic Support and provide a proportional increase to Federal Property, Construction, and Children with Disabilities.

Talking Points:

- REQUEST CO-SPONSORSHIP from those who have not yet signed on.
- LEAD SPONSORS: Rep. Mike Levin (D-CA) & Sen. Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM)

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Impact Aid Infrastructure Partnership Act

The current Impact Aid Construction line provides only \$18 million for construction in alternating years and formula distribution in the other, which is insufficient to meet most internal renovation needs and provides no funding to build new schools. There is also a significant demand for funding to renovate and construct teacher housing. The Impact Aid Infrastructure Partnership Act would add a total of \$2 billion over four years (\$500 million per year) to the Impact Aid Construction line item. 25% of the new funds would be made available via formula to all eligible school districts. The U.S. Department of Education would disseminate the remaining 75% as competitive grants, with priority for those school districts with acute emergencies in their facilities (e.g., building code violations), teacher housing in need of repair, or limited or no bonding capacity.

Talking Points:

- REQUEST CO-SPONSORSHIP from those who have not yet signed on.
- LEAD SPONSORS: Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA) & Sen. Mike Hiroo (D-HI)

Congressional Impact Aid Caucus

The bipartisan and bicameral Congressional Impact Aid Caucus, formerly the House and Senate Impact Aid Coalitions, were established in the 1990s and have since had successful efforts to protect and prioritize the Impact Aid program. There are now over 100 current Members of Congress in the caucus, and we hope to continue to grow these numbers. If you talk to a member who is not currently in the caucus, suggest that they join. Contact Schlemmer@nafisdc.org to sign up.

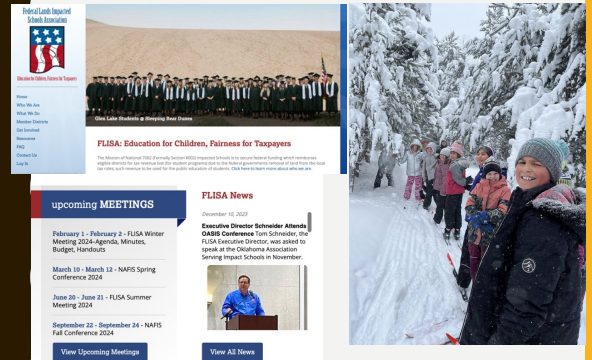
Talking Points:

- JOIN the Congressional Impact Aid Caucus for the 119th 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 caucus serves as a resource to NAFIS in supporting and protecting Impact Aid.

Recent Funding Levels

Section	FY21 Final	FY22 Final	FY23 Final	FY24 Final	FY25 Senate Proposal
Federal Property	\$76.31 M	\$77.31 M	\$77.31 M	\$78.31 M	\$79 M
Basic Support	\$1,354.34 M	\$1,409.34 M	\$1,469.34 M	\$1,474.34 M	\$1,480.34 M
Disabilities	\$48.32 M	\$48.32 M	\$48.32 M	\$48.32 M	\$48.32 M
Construction	\$17.41 M	\$17.41 M	\$18.41 M	\$19 M	\$20.5 M
Facilities	\$4.84 M	\$4.84 M	\$4.84 M	\$4.84 M	\$4.84 M
Total	\$1,501.22 M	\$1,557.22 M	\$1,618.22 M	\$1,625.15 M	\$1,645.15 M

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upcoming MEETINGS

February 1 - February 2 - FLISA Winter Meeting 2024-Agenda, Minutes, Budget, Handouts

March 10 - March 12 - NAFIS Spring Conference 2024

June 20 - June 21 - FLISA Summer Meeting 2024

September 22 - September 24 - NAFIS Fall Conference 2024

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FLISA News

December 10, 2023

Executive Director Schneider Attends Q&A Session

FLISA Executive Director Tom Schneider, the FLISA Executive Director, was asked to speak at the Oklahoma Association Serving Impact Schools in November.

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PREPARING FOR MARCH— FLISA FY 25 ASK

Hill Day March 11th

Our Ask of Congress to Support Our Students and Section 7002 Schools

- We are asking Congress to support \$2 million in additional funding for Section 7002 Schools in FY25.
- This is a total request of \$81 million, which is a 2.5 percent increase from FY24. The average percent increase in our total FLISA funding over the previous three fiscal years has been just over 1 percent per year.

Section	FY21 Final	FY22 Final	FY23 Final	FY24 Final	FY25 Senate Proposal
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PREPARING FOR MARCH— FLISA FY 26 ASK

Hill Day March 11th

Discussion from NAFIS Board Meeting:

- For FY 26 Basic Support (7003) ask is:
 - \$65 million (4.4%) increase over FY 24 ask of approximately (as FY 25 not set) for Basic Support \$1.55B
 - This would put 7003 Districts at 96% LOT (or Higher)
 - LOT (Local Opportunity Threshold—Think of it as a local measure for adequate education funding for a school district in a state).
- For FY 26 Federal Property (7002) ask is:
 - \$3.5 million (4.4%) increase over FY 24 ask of approximately (as FY 25 not set) but if we get our +\$2M ask to get to \$81M) for 7002 of \$84.5M

\$84.5 is Ask for FY 26

Messaging Needs to be Fluid Until March

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PREPARING FOR MARCH— FLISA FY 26 ASK

Hill Day March 11th

Reintroduce and build support for the *Advancing Toward Impact Aid Full Funding Act*

The Federal Government has not met its responsibility to fully fund Impact Aid since 1969. The bipartisan *Advancing Toward Impact Aid Full Funding Act* would create a **five-year plan to fully fund Section 7003 Basic Support and offer a proportional increase to Section 7002 Federal Property**. It would also provide substantial boosts to Section 7003(d) Children with Disabilities and Section 7007 Construction. These increases would deliver significant annual funding improvements for school districts, helping ensure all students have the resources they need to reach their full potential.

**Still Negotiating with Sponsor on
Exact Amount of Ask for 7002**

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PREPARING FOR MARCH— FLISA FY 26 ASK

Hill Day March 11th

Reintroduce and build support for the *Advancing Toward Impact Aid Full Funding Act*

Sec. 7002 Federal Property: FLISA would like to increase to \$500 million (about half of estimated full need) **but willing to negotiate this number down since it's a jump from \$150 million.**

The rationale discussed was \$500 million is half of 7002 "full funding". This is much easier to relay to a Hill staffer than the complicated rationale provided 2 years ago (which involved lots of back and forth with a smart staffer to try to understand).

**Still Negotiating with Sponsor on
Exact Amount of Ask for 7002**

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- This would keep the entire Impact Aid ask at 4.4% for the entire program.
- Wait to see President's Budget in April before making Project 2025 a discussion item.
- In some congressional offices talking about Project 2025 may be seen as inflammatory (either by Republicans or Democrats).
- May need to inform members of Congress of the good works of these federal properties.
- Continue to emphasize the impact of reduced funds has on our students/schools.
- Increase would help cover the cost of new school districts as the Federal Government continues to acquire property and districts continue to establish eligibility.

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Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association

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PREPARING FOR MARCH— FLISA TALKING POINTS

Hill Day March 11th

FLISA Talking Points for September 2024 Hill Visits

FLISA Members—This is not a handbook but talking points for communicating with members of Congress and staff. The NAIPS Hill Meeting Tips on the back may also be helpful. At the Hill meetings, please share the new FLISA Handout.

Introduction and Purpose

1. We are here to educate and answer any questions about federal impact aid and ask for your support for funding.

2. Explain impact aid for each district (downward, percentage, etc.). What would you have without it? Tell your story.

3. We want to make sure the program stays in place and maintain this critical source of funding for our students and taxpayers. Unlike some programs, we must have congressional support each year to maintain this program.

Federal Impact Aid Background

1. 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 taxpayer support.

2. Impact Aid reimburses school districts for the lost revenue associated with non-taxable federal property. This is valuable land that is owned by the government, making that land exempt from local property taxes for schools.

3. To be eligible, a district must have 10 percent or more of its total taxable value owned by the federal government.

Student Impact and the National Association

4. There are more than 1,300 federally impacted school districts that receive Impact Aid located across all 50 states. Together, we educate more than 3 million public school students.

5. Our membership is the Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association (FLISA). FLISA represents approximately 200 districts and nearly 100,000 children that have federally owned and/or under federal jurisdiction.

6. FLISA is part of the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) also include NAIS to Law (LIT) schools (NAIS), NAIS to General Schools Association (NGSA) and the National Indian Impacted Schools Association (NIISA).

Land Financial Implications

7. Our Section 7002 school districts have not been fully funded since 2008. In fact, our federally impacted school districts receive on average about seven cents on the dollar of what would be received from local property taxes.

8. School districts are largely funded through local property taxes and since federal property is exempt from local taxation, federally impacted school districts are at a serious financial disadvantage in funding their schools.

9. New lands added by the federal government in recent years means that more schools share the same amount of funds, which results in existing school districts each getting a smaller portion of the funding that is provided.

10. Even when Impact Aid funding increases, new property added by the federal government results in existing school districts getting a smaller portion of the available funding.

11. The impact of lost federal funding will either result in a loss of educational programs, or a proportional increase in fees on the local level to offset the loss of funding, which many impacted school districts cannot do.

Our Ask of Congress to Support Our Students and Section 7002 Schools

12. We are asking Congress to support \$2 million in additional funding for Section 7002 schools in FY25.

13. This is a total request of \$81 million, which is a 3.5 percent increase from FY24. The average percent increase in our total K-12 funding over the previous three fiscal years has been just over 1 percent per year.

The Impact Aid Coalition and Advancing Toward Impact Aid Full Funding Act

14. If there are not already a member, please consider joining over 100 members of the the bipartisan Impact Aid Coalition for the 119th Congress. Please contact impactaidcoalition@gmail.com or if you have any questions.

15. Please also consider supporting the fully bipartisan [Advancing Toward Impact Aid Full Funding Act](https://www.congress.gov/bills/119/1011), which is aimed at advancing towards full funding the Impact Aid program. The bill is H.R. 1011 and the S. 1011.

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PREPARING FOR MARCH— FLISA HANDOUT

Hill Day March 11th

What is Federal Impact Aid?

1. Local school districts are required to pay property taxes for funding, but the federal government is exempt from paying taxes on property that it owns.

2. A school district's portion of total tax revenue is reduced because it is not receiving federal property taxes. This impacts a huge financial burden on local school districts and taxpayers.

3. Congress created the Impact Aid program to provide funding to offset the loss of property tax revenue in local school districts.

Impact Aid Fast Facts

1. Funds critical educational programs and services.

2. Direct, flexible, and locally controlled funding.

3. America's oldest K-12 federal education program.

4. Reimbursement support has been in place for nearly 75 years, but impact aid is funded at just 7 percent.

5. Data current as of September 2024

How Funding is Used

1. Smaller Class Sizes

2. Academic Interventions

3. Art, Music, STEM, and Other

4. Career and Technical Ed

5. Mental and Physical Health

6. School Safety and Security

7. School Library and Security

8. Retired, Aged, and Summer School Programming

9. Highly Qualified Teacher Recruitment and Retention

Even when Impact Aid funding increases, new property added by the federal government results in existing school districts each getting a smaller portion of the funding that is provided.

Section 7002 Impact Aid has not been fully funded since 2008. In fact, our federally impacted school districts receive on average about seven cents on the dollar of what would be received from local property taxes.

Impact aid reimburses school districts for the lost revenue associated with non-taxable federal property. This is valuable land that is owned by the government, making that land exempt from local property taxes for schools.

To be eligible, a district must have 10 percent or more of its total taxable value owned by the federal government.

Our Request for Congressional Support

1. A total of \$81 million in Section 7002 funding for FY25, which is a 2.5% increase.

2. The average increase in funding over the previous three years has been less than 1.2%.

3. Please support the Advancing Toward Full Impact Aid Funding Act (H.R.1011 and S.871).

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Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association

Education For Children, Fairness for Taxpayers

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Committee Work

Protect your funding. Learn to Advocate. Be informed. Join FLISA.

The Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association (FLISA) Mission

1. The Mission of National 7002 Impacted Schools is to secure federal funding which reimburses eligible districts for tax revenue lost due to the federal government's removal of land from the local tax rolls, such revenue to be used for the public education of students.

Reasons to Join FLISA

1. Over the past 15 years, presidents have proposed eliminating section 7002 Federal Properties' funding from the budget seven times. Advocacy efforts from FLISA members and the NAIPS family have prevented the funding from being cut.

2. Your membership dollars help provide the resources FLISA needs to increase funding levels and move toward a fully funded program. Currently, section 7002 Federal Lands Funding is funded approximately 7 cents on the dollar.

3. You will have a say and vote when it comes to new initiatives, budgets, funding formula changes, etc.

4. You will have access to resources necessary to keep fully up to date on the program your district's funding.

5. Section 7002 Federal Properties is the smallest section of the impact aid program. We need to continue to grow our membership to have a strong voice for our districts.

6. The law that provides for impact aid funding gets re-authorized and updated periodically which includes proposed changes to the funding formula. Proposed updates are written by the 7002 members. Becoming a member and being involved protects your district's funding and future financial interests.

How to Become a Member of FLISA

1. School leaders looking to protect their impact aid funding can join FLISA by completing the membership form sent annually or contacting the FLISA Executive Director, Tom Schneider directly at tom@impactaidcoalition.com or 219-545-1011. Information is also available on our website www.flisa.org

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Committee Work

Committee Suggestions

1. Committee Reports and Goals for Summer Meeting (Suggestions):

a. Messaging Committee

1. Message for Congress and School Communities

2. Methods for communicating with above

3. Social Messaging Committee?

b. Advocacy Committee

1. Advocacy for \$250K+ Club

2. Determine Re-districted School District Congressional Districts with Federal Lands

3. Advocacy to Key Members of Congress without Federal Lands

c. Membership Committee

1. Outreach to High Impact Aid (\$250K+ Club) Receiving but Non-FLISA Districts to Join

2. Maintain/Increase Membership Strategies

3. Site Committee?

4. Fellowship Committee?

Advocacy Reaching Out to 'KEY' DEPS/SENATORS WHO ARE KEY (FROM NAIPS)

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Committee Work

XII. Committee Reports and Goals for Winter/Spring Meeting:

A. After committee meetings:

1. Report Out committee's work and next steps between meetings

2. List items to include in next agenda as reminder

B. Mary Ticknor--Advocacy Committee

1. Look at representatives in \$80K districts that are not being contacted and develop plan to reach out.

B. Bob Reichert--Membership Committee

1. Look at \$80K districts that are not members and set plan to reach out.

2. Identify key districts in Impact Aid who have influential Representatives in Congress and reach out to them to join.

3. Review "Why Join" Brochure sent in Membership Letters in June

C. Mark Cross--Messaging Committee

1. In-District visits for congressional staffers in-district

2. Review Leave-behind and messaging for 119th Congress/OMB

3. Student Photos with Reference to Federal Property for Website Reminder

4. Review Ad Hoc Committee on Distribution of Impact Aid Funds Meeting Minutes

5. What does inflation mean to the foundation level dollars from 2009? Is this a possible talking point for the messaging committee.

After committee meetings need to have a plan for the committee's next steps between meetings and then include in the Handout for the next meeting

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FLISA DUES STRUCTURE AND STIPEND DISCUSSION

Frank Sheboy and Jerry Ellender

VIII. Dues/Financial Outlook Committee Update—Frank Sheboy

- Frank Sheboy to present information to the and help formulate the proposal at our January meeting for general membership approval at the March, 2025 meeting in DC.
- Committee Meeting Minutes Attached
- Opportunity to gather feedback from membership for further discussion at Winter meeting.
- Discussion and proposal development for March meeting:

- Goal: One Year Operating expenses and not have to go back for another increase for sometime.
 - \$60K on hand (if you include the previously made Meeting deposits)
 - Currently \$45K Expenses per year + Salary expenses (Not yet determined)
 - Currently \$24K in Revenues per year
- Discussion: Add dues paying tiers to lower end Impact Aid Receivers with understanding that they don't get a lot of money. Also set tiers at above \$1M or at \$750K.
 - What is the correct level of dues to provide enough revenue funds to continue FLISA for one year if lose funding?
- What is the appropriate compensation for Executive Director and Bookkeeper to reflect additional days/work related to FLISA activities?

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FLISA DUES STRUCTURE AND STIPEND DISCUSSION

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FY26 FLISA Proposed Dues and Compensation Changes Projection

	FY26-27 Adopted Budget	FY26-28 Proposed Dues A	FY26-28 Proposed Dues B
Revenue			
1 Membership Dues	25,000	42,000	35,000
2 Winter Conference	1,000	1,000	7,500
3 Summer Conference	1,000	1,000	1,500
Total Revenue	27,000	44,000	44,000
Expenses			
4 Executive Director	20,000	22,000	20,000
5 Compensation	1,000	1,000	1,000
6 Travel	1,000	1,000	1,000
7 Printing/Other	1,000	1,000	1,000
8 Subtotal	23,000	25,000	23,000
9 Bookkeeper	1,000	1,000	1,000
10 Compensation	1,000	1,000	1,000
11 Travel	1,000	1,000	1,000
12 Subtotal	3,000	3,000	3,000
13 Executive Committee	1,000	1,000	1,000
14 Printing	1,000	1,000	1,000
15 Legal Expenses	1,000	1,000	1,000
16 Subtotal	3,000	3,000	3,000
17 PROGRAMS/ISSA Outreach	4,000	4,000	4,000
18 Travel	1,000	1,000	1,000
19 Printing/Other	1,000	1,000	1,000
20 Subtotal	6,000	6,000	6,000
21 General Operations	1,000	1,000	1,000
22 Bank Charges	1,000	1,000	1,000
23 Utilities	1,000	1,000	1,000
24 Software Licenses	1,000	1,000	1,000
25 Printing	1,000	1,000	1,000
26 Miscellaneous	1,000	1,000	1,000
27 Subtotal	10,000	10,000	10,000
Confferences			
28 Winter Conference	1,000	1,000	1,000
29 Summer Meeting	1,000	1,000	1,000
30 Subtotal	2,000	2,000	2,000
Total Expenses	38,000	48,000	48,000
31 Net Income (Deficit)	(11,000)	(4,000)	(4,000)
32 Beginning Balance	17,000	26,000	26,000
33 Ending Balance	6,000	22,000	22,000

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FLISA DUES STRUCTURE AND STIPEND DISCUSSION

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Analysis of FLISA Dues Paying Districts

Current Dues Structure

Impact Aid Funding	# Districts	Dues	FLISA Revenue	Funding Amt*	% of Ave	% Revenue
\$99,999 or less	20	\$50	1,000	50,000	0.20%	4.82%
\$100,000 - \$249,999	9	\$100	900	175,000	0.20%	4.21%
\$250,000 - \$499,999	14	\$250	3,500	325,000	0.21%	18.38%
\$500,000 - \$999,999	10	\$500	5,000	750,000	0.21%	23.38%
\$1,000,000 or More	11	\$1,000	11,000	1,000,000	0.20%	51.40%
	64			21,400		

Proposed Dues Structure A

Adjust dues as shown in red, with results shown in blue

Impact Aid Funding	# Districts	Dues	FLISA Revenue	Funding Amt*	% of Ave	% Revenue
\$99,999 or less	20	\$100	2,000	10,000	0.20%	6.82%
\$100,000 - \$249,999	9	\$250	2,250	175,000	0.21%	5.20%
\$250,000 - \$499,999	14	\$500	7,000	325,000	0.21%	18.38%
\$500,000 - \$999,999	10	\$1,000	10,000	750,000	0.21%	23.37%
\$1,000,000 or More	11	\$2,000	22,000	1,000,000	0.20%	50.87%
	64			43,250		

Proposed Dues Structure B

Adjust percentage of funding coverage as shown in red, with results shown in blue

Impact Aid Funding	# Districts	Dues	FLISA Revenue	Funding Amt*	% of Ave	% Revenue
\$99,999 or less	20	\$100	2,000	10,000	0.20%	5.00%
\$100,000 - \$249,999	9	\$100	9,100	175,000	0.20%	6.10%
\$250,000 - \$499,999	14	\$650	9,100	325,000	0.20%	17.16%
\$500,000 - \$999,999	10	\$1,100	11,000	750,000	0.20%	28.27%
\$1,000,000 or More	11	\$1,000	22,000	1,000,000	0.20%	42.50%
	64			51,200		

The "Funding Amt" is simply the midpoint of the funding range for the impact aid funding category, with exception of the \$10M+ districts, which is a based on the \$1 million maximum for these districts.

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WELCOME BACK TO TAMPA/CLEARWATER

VISIT FLORIDA BEACHES PLACES TO GO THINGS TO DO DEALS

Clearwater, just west of Tampa, is part of the Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater metropolitan area – one that offers visitors a cornucopia of vacation opportunities.

In Clearwater, you can enjoy sunsets at **Pier 60**, a nightly festival featuring music, crafts and street performers. The city also hosts the annual **Clearwater Jazz Holiday**.

Clearwater Marine Aquarium offers animal interaction programs, dolphin photo opportunities and stingray feedings.

Beautiful views of the Gulf of America

*Does anyone have recommendations from our visit last year?
Best restaurant? Bar? Must do?*



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