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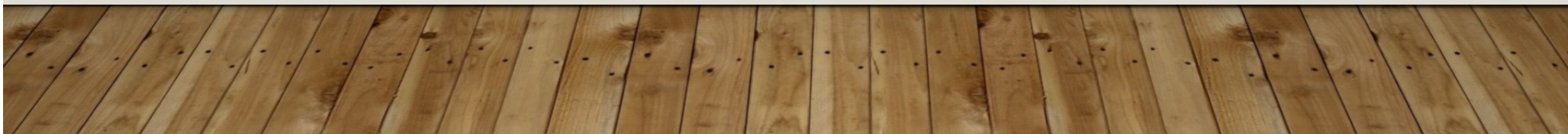
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WE CONTROL OUR MESSAGE ON THE IMPORTANCE OF IMPACT AID

***No matter what is or is not going on in DC what
hasn't changed is:***

- The importance Impact Aid for our students and their success,*
- The obligation of Congress to provide and continue to increase those property tax replacement dollars to our schools.*

***It is important that we keep this message in the minds of
our Community and Members of Congress.***

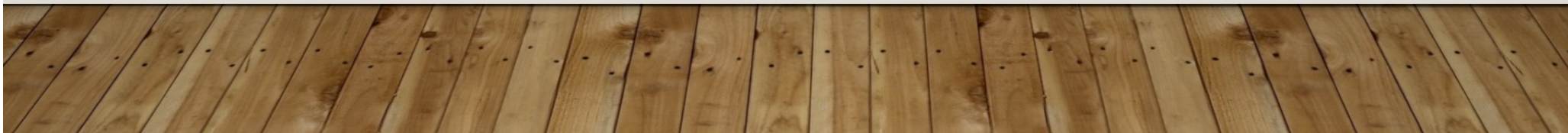


TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

FY 26 Funding Status

Countdown to Summer Madness

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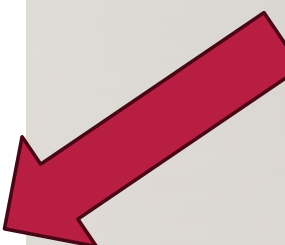
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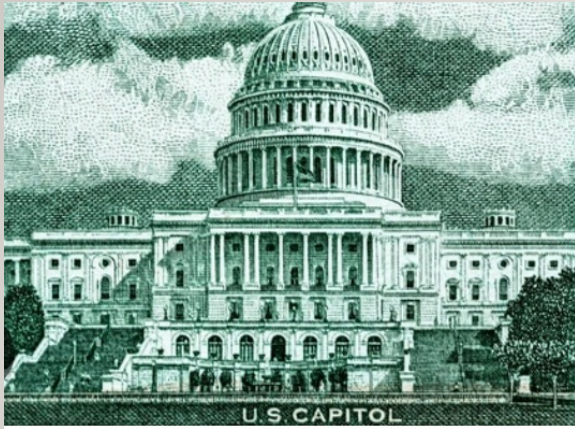
Impact Aid Funding

Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriation (October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025)

Basic Support - Section 7003(b)	\$1,474,000,000
Federal Property - Section 7002	\$79,000,000
Children with Disabilities - Section 7003(d)	\$48,316,000
Construction - Section 7007(a) Formula Grants	\$19,000,000
Department of Education-Owned Schools - Section 7008 ...	\$4,835,000



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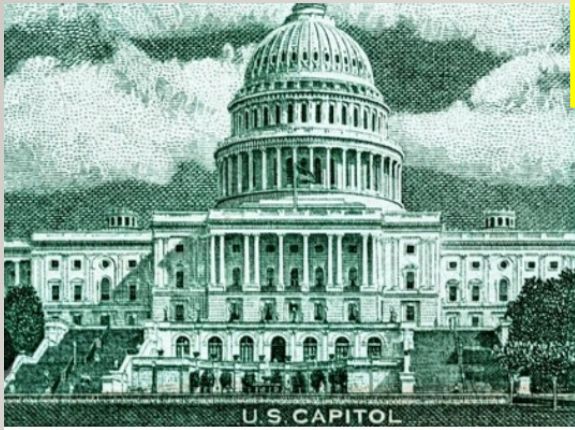
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Section 7002 Basics

Payments for Federal Property

- June 5th all FY 25 7002 Payments Sent from Dept. of Ed.
- In 2012 the Dept. of Ed. had five open years



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FY 25 FUNDING RESULTS

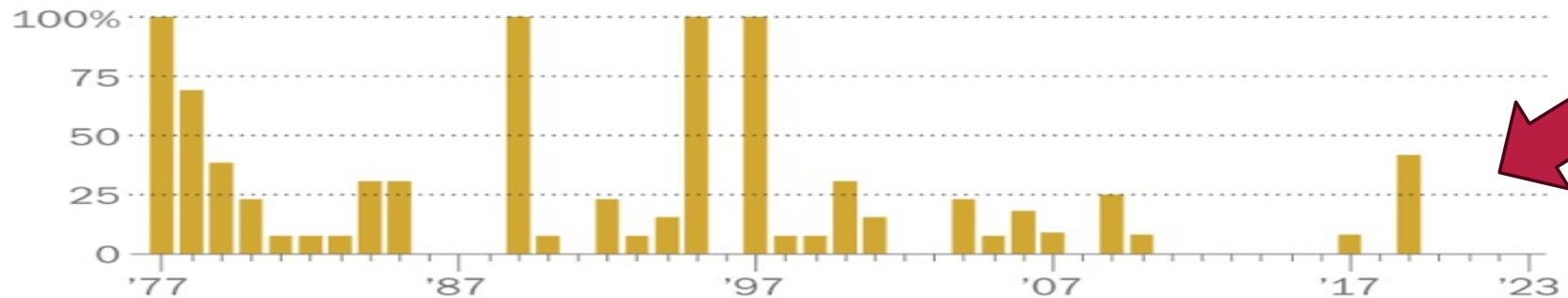
- Despite multiple CRs NAFIS/FLISA must be good at lobbying or have a great message as we were level funded in FY 25.
- When the request is for “a little” amount of money and the choice is “a little” and nothing...you probably are guaranteed to end up getting LESS THAN “a little”.
- Other observations from FY 25 funding process?

Normal stuff we kind of understand:

FY 25 FUNDING PROCESS-HISTORY

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% of stand-alone appropriations bills enacted by the Oct. 1 deadline each fiscal year, as of Sept. 13, 2023



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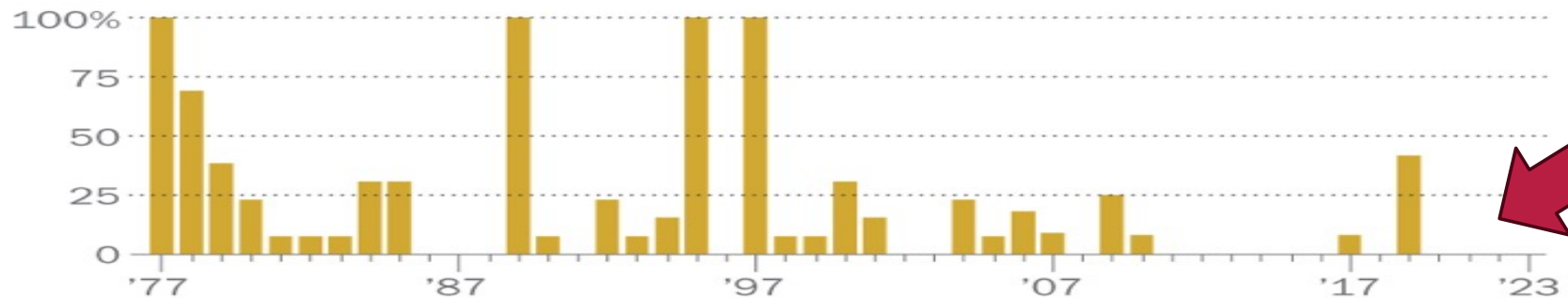
*Congress' chronic inability to follow its own appropriations process is hardly new. In fact, in the nearly five decades that the current system for budgeting and spending tax dollars has been in place, Congress has passed all its required appropriations measures on time **only four times**.*

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*In short, the typical appropriations process isn't the orderly one laid out in the 1974 Congressional Budget Act. Instead, it's a hodgepodge of late budget blueprints, temporary spending measures to keep the government running, and sprawling omnibus appropriations packages that **often are passed in the waning days before one Congress ends and the next one begins.***

FY 25-26 FUNDING LEADERSHIP



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Representative Tom Cole Honored for Support of Impact Aid

Washington, DC – October 3, 2023 – The National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) has recognized Representative Tom Cole (R-OK) with the NAFIS Golden Champion Award. This award, which was presented during the NAFIS 50th anniversary celebration at the 2023 NAFIS Fall Conference, acknowledges the leadership that recipients have shown in strengthening and protecting the Impact Aid Program over the course of decades.

Rep. Tom Cole defeats Paul Bondar nabs Republican bid for US House Photos

One of the most contentious races in Oklahoma's 2024 primary election has ended as incumbent Tor opponents, including Paul Bondar.

U.S. Rep. Tom Cole, 75, has defeated political newcomer Paul Bondar in Oklahoma's most hotly contested races in the 2024 primaries.

Cole secured the Republican bid for the [U.S. House District 4](#) seat with 57% of the vote. The Associated Press called the race at 7:33 p.m.

Cole will face the winner of the Democratic primary in the general election this fall, getting the chance to continue his current 21-year stay in the office.

"I am deeply honored and grateful to receive the Golden Champion Award from NAFIS for my long-term commitment to championing Impact Aid," said Rep. Cole. "Impact Aid is critical to many schools across the Fourth District on military or Indian lands that would not otherwise receive state funding. This is an issue I am proud to champion, and I thank the work of this association in ensuring these schools and the children who attend them are set up for success."

Oklahoma

Impact Aid Fiscal Year 2024 Section 7002 – Federal Property Final Payments

School District	CD	Federal Acres	Total Acres	Percent Federal	FY24 Payment	Full Funding Payment
Arapaho-Butler Public School	3	12,471.00	70,274.80	18%	\$13,207.00	\$27,594.32
Bowring Public School	3	20,689.12	157,885.38	13%	\$11,228.00	\$25,701.12
Canadian 61-I002-000	2	15,878.00	65,083.52	24%	\$130,098.00	\$454,344.04
Chelsea School District 66-I003-000	2	7,483.29	102,808.00	7%	\$4,872.00	-
Cleveland School Dist. 59-I006-000	3	14,039.14	88,877.10	16%	\$42,415.00	\$253,577.92
Colbert 07-I004-000	2	8,279.00	42,652.24	19%	\$35,360.00	\$189,295.06
Crowder 61-I028-000	2	16,060.00	105,971.84	15%	\$27,938.00	\$84,159.33
Eufaula School Dist. 49-I001-000	2	25,211.00	174,141.36	14%	\$183,282.00	\$347,470.72
Felt School Dist. 13-I010-000	3	13,733.50	220,756.69	6%	\$4,074.00	\$9,376.07
Gore School District 68-I006-000	2	3,956.33	40,610.73	10%	\$5,839.00	\$64,411.65
Haywood School Dist. 61-C088-000	2	7,560.31	60,810.88	12%	\$2,963.00	\$21,413.01
Hulbert Public School 11-I016-000	2	9,945.00	54,070.00	18%	\$7,457.00	\$148,323.95
Keota School District 31-I043-000	2	19,564.00	87,187.03	22%	\$18,761.00	\$70,700.30
Keys School	2	18,868.00	113,852.00	17%	\$26,103.00	\$294,095.41
Kildare School	3	6,428.00	63,693.00	10%	\$7,899.00	\$36,414.39
Kingston 45-I003-000	2	38,585.31	108,320.00	36%	\$434,999.00	\$1,742,781.61
Little Axe School District 14-I070	4, 5	3,319.00	28,614.00	12%	\$6,317.00	\$155,937.46
Locust Grove 46-I017-000	2	14,720.00	80,345.88	18%	\$16,344.00	\$318,063.76
Mannford Public Schools 19-I003-000	3	13,528.00	49,584.00	27%	\$59,650.00	\$579,193.06
Marietta 43-I016-000	4	7,269.97	76,521.00	10%	\$4,821.00	\$106,671.52
Ravia School District 35-C010-000	2	4,897.00	28,068.85	17%	\$7,751.00	\$41,597.98
Shidler 57-I011-000	3	14,171.00	259,765.00	5%	\$23,902.00	-
Silo School District 07-I001-000	2	17,429.00	77,440.00	23%	\$186,539.00	\$782,793.25
Skiatook 72-I007-000	1, 2, 3	6,449.16	38,492.83	17%	\$51,750.00	\$586,152.26
Snyder 38-I004-000	3, 4	7,193.00	221,079.00	3%	\$7,306.00	\$17,924.39
Stidham School District 49-C016-000	2	10,752.00	42,919.38	25%	\$8,556.00	\$27,923.04
Stringtown School District 03-I007-000	2	14,045.00	112,440.00	12%	\$12,397.00	\$23,953.36
Tahlequah 11-I035-000	2	32,013.47	78,549.00	41%	\$202,122.00	\$2,576,786.44
Thackerville Public Schools	4	4,527.79	38,441.00	12%	\$10,142.00	\$183,836.96
Tishomingo 35-I020-000	2	23,749.00	141,905.06	17%	\$93,198.00	\$171,209.47
Tuskahoma Public School	2	16,539.83	63,376.32	26%	\$19,587.00	\$279,492.71
Vian School District 68-I002-000	2	11,811.00	85,374.05	14%	\$12,123.00	\$140,693.96
Wister School District 40-I049-000	2	6,469.00	32,441.00	20%	\$6,765.00	\$94,120.06
TOTAL		447,634.22	3,012,350.94		\$1,685,765.00	\$9,856,008.58

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NAFIS Congratulates Incoming Majority Leader John Thune

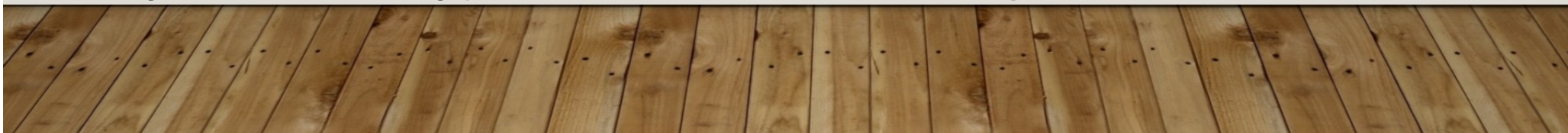
Washington, DC – November 14, 2024 – The following statement can be attributed to National Association of Federally Impacted School (NAFIS) Executive Director Nicole Russell:

"On behalf of the nation's federally impacted school districts, congratulations to Senator John Thune (R-SD) on his election as the incoming Majority Leader. NAFIS is excited to see his continued leadership in the U.S. Senate, and we deeply appreciate the unwavering support he has shown for Impact Aid over the years.

1 of 2 | Senator John Thune, R-S.D., talks after a policy luncheon on Capitol Hill Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2024, in Washington. (AP)

THE HONORABLE JOHN THUNE

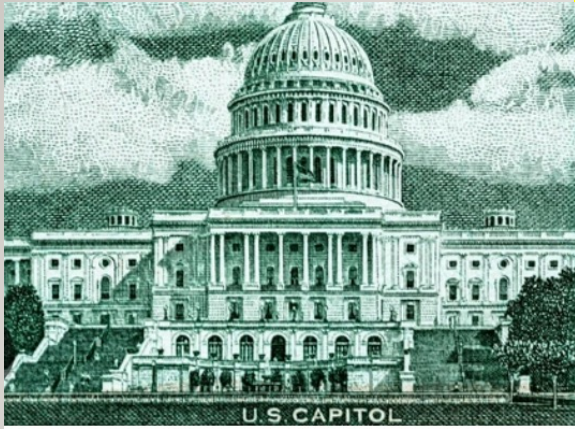
For your longstanding support of the Impact Aid Program. For many years and in many ways, you have served as a leading voice in ensuring the needs of federally impacted school districts and the students they serve are met. The entire Impact Aid community joins together in thanking you. -- NAFIS 50th Anniversary, 2023



South Dakota

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Andes Central School District 11-1	AL	10,312.14	130,821.24	8%	\$201,103.00	\$142,845.26
Bison School Dist. #52-1	AL	21,288.99	854,111.86	2%	\$17,940.00	\$28,510.34
Bon Homme School District #4-2	AL	11,749.51	201,923.86	6%	\$301,062.00	\$116,694.14
Burke School Dist. #26-2	AL	7,501.00	224,505.73	3%	\$3,337.00	\$38,336.94
Chamberlain Independent School District #1	AL	20,407.91	594,750.62	3%	\$121,610.00	\$107,377.07
Custer School District 16-1	AL	17,973.17	772,901.85	2%	\$673,977.00	\$200,121.05
Hill City School Distirct	AL	11,600.65	373,637.78	3%	\$441,031.00	\$133,903.15
Hot Springs School District 23-2	AL	13,799.63	378,304.00	4%	\$93,946.00	\$153,590.37
Kadoka Area School District 35-2	AL	42,448.00	1,324,417.45	3%	\$19,004.00	\$24,431.28
Lemmon School Dist. #52-4	AL	91,516.32	1,053,394.94	9%	\$65,999.00	\$138,612.54
Lyman Independent School District #42-1	AL	8,209.07	779,011.25	1%	\$4,974.00	\$14,642.33
Mobridge-Pollock School District #62-6	AL	17,209.00	170,333.49	10%	\$83,124.00	-
Oelrichs Public Schools #23-3	AL	34,275.43	360,136.00	10%	\$101,717.00	\$31,180.50
Pierre School Dist. #32-2	AL	14,378.00	227,653.23	6%	\$268,169.00	\$569,166.28
Platte-Geddes School District #11-5	AL	22,002.00	404,233.60	5%	\$76,397.00	\$136,766.82
South Central School District #26-5	AL	16,813.00	202,413.60	8%	\$1,259.00	\$74,142.12
Stanley Co. School Dist. #57-1	AL	92,451.00	970,986.85	10%	\$402,621.00	\$318,251.94
Wall School District #51-5	AL	46,079.00	843,400.40	5%	\$602,075.00	\$76,744.12
Yankton School Dist. #63-3	AL	2,409.00	138,484.00	2%	\$46,826.00	\$197,147.70
TOTAL		502,422.82	10,005,421.75		\$3,526,171.00	\$2,502,463.95



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FY 25-26 FUNDING LEADERSHIP

- Congress rarely passes spending legislation on time.
- Oklahoma **Rep. Tom Cole** is the chair of the House Appropriations committee and Oklahoma receives 7002 funding
- South Dakota **Senator John Thune** is the Senate Majority Leader and South Dakota receives 7002 funding
- Other lessons learned?

CRAZY DONNY'S COUNTDOWN TO SUMMER MADNESS





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- Reconciliation Beautiful Bill Bounce Backs
- Rescissions Claw-Backs
- Debt-Ceiling Cliff Hangers
- FY 26 Budget Model

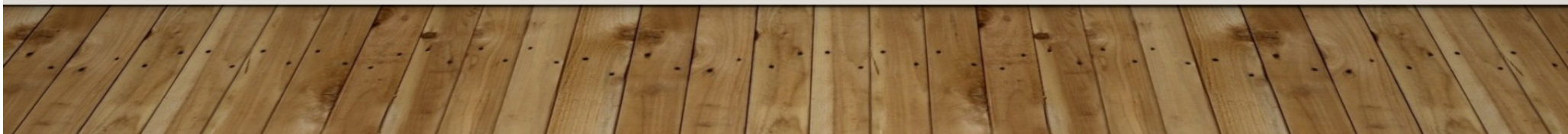
Everything must be go by...

Debt Ceiling (August/September)—**OR**—
October 1st (Federal Budget)



SUMMER MADNESS: RECONCILIATION

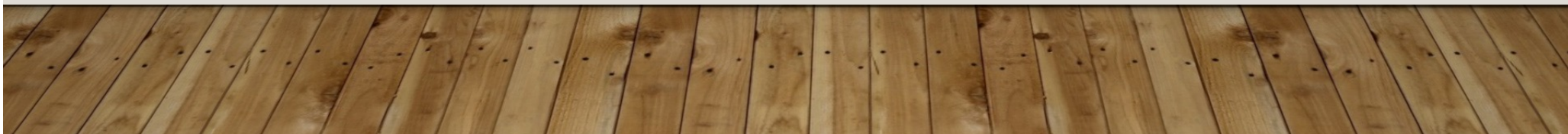
Budget reconciliation is a legislative process that can be used to **override the filibuster** and expedite the approval of a package of legislation in Congress that **changes spending, revenues, or the debt limit.**





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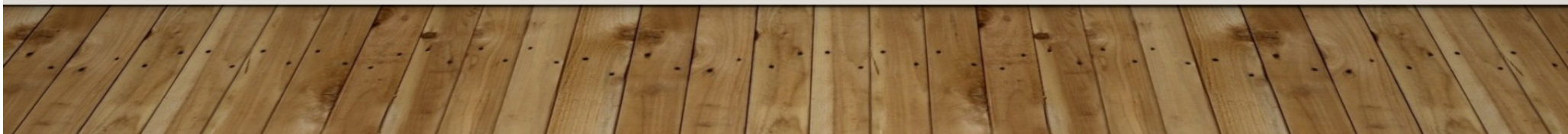
Budget reconciliation bills have limits on debate so they require a **simple majority (51 votes)** instead of the three-fifths majority (60 votes) usually needed in the Senate to bring bills to a vote.





SUMMER MADNESS: RECONCILIATION

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How Budget Reconciliation Works in Congress

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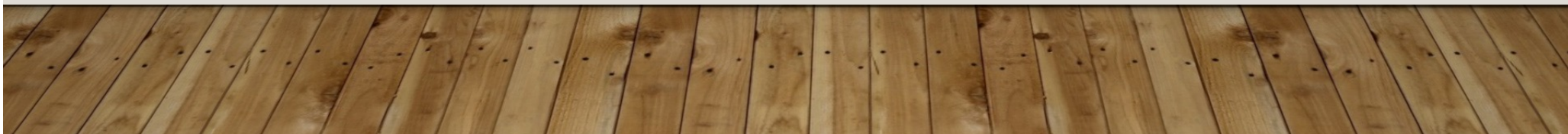
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May 22nd—House Passes: Big Beautiful Bill after holding committee meetings through the night the previous week.

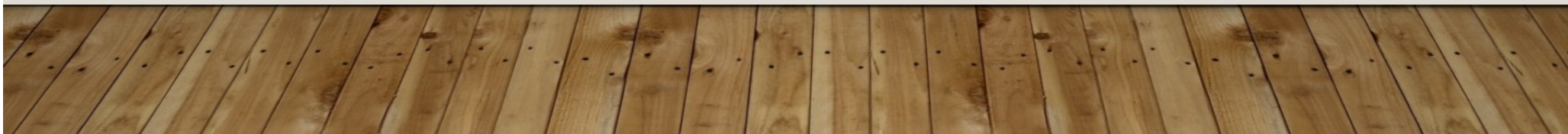




SUMMER MADNESS: RECONCILIATION HOUSE VERSION

May 22nd—significant **increase to the national debt** and a range of tax cuts and reforms.

It also includes **changes to Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and border security.**





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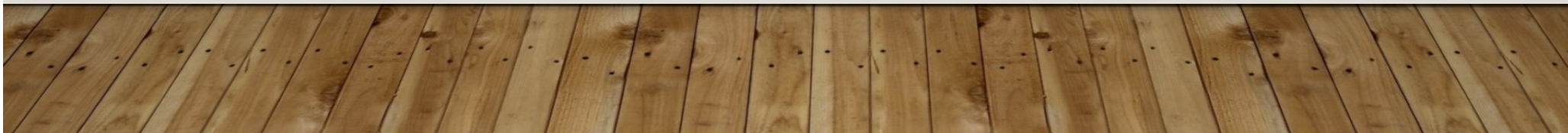




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214-215 (+ One Sleepy Lil Guy)

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Punchbowl May 26 ,2025

..after the bill passed [Speaker] Johnson went to a Senate Republican lunch and “shared ... from the heart about how difficult” it was to cobble together a package that could get 218 votes.

*Johnson added: “My hope and my encouragement to them is – **fine tune this product as little as possible.**” He likened passing the bill in the House to “crossing over the Grand Canyon on a piece of dental floss.”*



SUMMER MADNESS: RECONCILIATION SENATE VERSION

214-215 (+ One Sleepy Lil Guy)

Punchbowl May, 26 ,2025

*If the GOP reconciliation package shifts too much to the right – more spending cuts and or big programmatic modifications to Medicaid and SNAP – **support will bleed from the middle**. If the Senate tempers the Medicaid spending cuts, **conservatives will bolt**.*

*The bill's future is so uncertain that the SALT Caucus asked Johnson to agree to fight for the House's state-and-local-tax-deduction cap in negotiations with the Senate. Yet Republican **senators don't really care much about SALT**.*



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So, you can see that the smart thing would be
for Crazy Donny to **discourage changes** to
the bill in the Senate.



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Punchbowl May 26 ,2025

Here's what President Donald Trump said about potential changes to the House Republican reconciliation package on Sunday night:

*“I want the Senate and the senators **to make the changes they want.** It will go back to the House and we'll see if we can get them. In some cases, those changes may be something I'd agree with, to be honest. ... **I think they are going to have changes. Some will be minor, some will be fairly significant.**”*



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Here's a video on what will be driving some of that discussion.

Political Stakes



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SUMMER MADNESS: RECONCILIATION SENATE STALLING?

It Says Whaaat?

Last week, Representative Mike Flood of Nebraska admitted during a town hall meeting in his district that he did not know that the bill would limit judges' power to hold people in contempt for violating court orders. He would not have voted for the measure, he said, if he had realized.

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MTG got a little behind in her reading. Photo: Kayla Bartkowski/Getty Images

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For years, Republicans, particularly on the conservative wing of the party, have complained bitterly about the congressional habit of packaging huge amounts of consequential legislation into giant “omnibus” bills hiding controversial provisions that members don’t have much of an opportunity to object to or even read. Demands for “a return to regular order,” a staple of tea-party-era conservative Republican rhetoric, meant ending the practice of Democratic and Republican congressional leaders cutting thousands of deals behind closed doors and then presenting members with no option but an up-or-down vote with terrible repercussions (e.g., a government shutdown) in the event of failure.



SUMMER MADNESS: RECONCILIATION ET TU MUSK?

In his posts, [Musk] said the legislation would add to the US budget deficit and saddle Americans with debt. He also warned Republicans who supported, or are planning to support, the bill that "we [will] fire all the politicians who betrayed the American people" in next year's midterm elections.

And it is that line that could be the most concerning for Republicans.

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*If Musk turns on the majority of Republicans - after spending hundreds of millions to support their campaigns last year - **it could cause headaches for incumbents worried about facing challenges in party primaries and represent a devastating blow to Republican hopes of retaining control of Congress for the second half of Trump's second term.***

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SOMETHING

214-215 (+ One Sleepy Lil Guy)

For House Republicans will it really matter what the Senate puts in the bill? Read this concluding paragraph about **having to vote on whatever bill comes out of the Senate:**

*It's literally the worst scenario imaginable [for House Republicans]. They're already going to pay the political price in what's shaping up to be a difficult midterm election for the razor-thin House GOP majority. **May as well vote for something rather than nothing – as long as Senate Republican conservatives don't go totally crazy.***



SUMMER MADNESS: RECISSIONS CLAW BACKS

Punchbowl May 30 ,2025

Recission “Claws Back” Previously Approved Spending

Trump sending package of DOGE-generated cuts to the Hill for a vote. Johnson is under no statutory obligation to bring this proposal to the floor. But he'll be under heavy internal pressure to do so.

Congress must act within 45 days once it receives the presidential message on the rescissions package or the funding will be spent as directed.





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Punchbowl May 30, 2025

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The proposal is expected to total at least \$9 billion (funding that’s already being withheld, which is questionable legally, but OK). The cuts will mainly focus on the already shuttered USAID, also be proposed cuts to NPR and PBS.

We oppose concept of “clawing back” approved funds.

Also, why is Crazy Donny making Republicans take a vote against Big Bird?





SUMMER MADNESS: DEBT CEILING CLIFF HANGER

Politico March 24, 2025

Debt Ceiling Drama

An oldie but a goodie...

Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent told Congressional leaders Friday that the federal government could be unable to pay its bills as soon as August if Congress doesn't act, urging lawmakers to address the debt limit by mid July.



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POLITICS

U.S. could face default by August if Congress doesn't address debt ceiling, Bessent says

By Kaia Hubbard
Updated on: May 9, 2025 / 5:07 PM EDT / CBS News



US will breach debt ceiling between July and October unless Congress acts, forecasters warn

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JENNIFER SCHOLTES
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Politico March 24, 2025

GOP leaders could use the fiscal cliff to heighten the urgency to pass the party-line package they hope to enact this year to extend trillions of dollars in tax breaks, along with hundreds of billions of dollars in new border security and military spending.

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Punchbowl June 3, 2025

*Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent wants GOP congressional leaders to **pass a debt-limit increase by mid-July, providing a backstop for any negotiations.***

Wall Street is already nervous about the fiscal implications of the Republican proposal, so the White House wants to avoid rattling markets on a debt-limit showdown too.



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By ADAM CANCRYN and JENNIFER SCHOLTES
05/02/2025 10:48 AM EDT

SUMMER MADNESS: FY 26 BUDGET MODEL

May 1st Skinny Budget--few details
But the details it does provide
surprise and upset own party.

Congress to slash non-defense
programs by more than \$163
billion while keeping military
funding flat. Already, Republicans in
Congress are alarmed.

- **Who gets blame for cuts? Who controls Government?**

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The proposal released May 1st pressures Republican lawmakers to cleave more than 20 percent from federal coffers Trump has already been freezing without their approval since Inauguration Day.

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Congress isn't accustomed to cutting anywhere near what Trump is proposing, amplifying tension between the White House and congressional Republicans as GOP leadership works to fund the government before the Sept. 30 shutdown deadline.

EDUCATION FUNDING

Trump Asks Congress to Slash Billions in Education Funding—and 'Preserve' Title I

The president's budget proposal offers the clearest view yet of how he'll carry out his education priorities—but many details are ambiguous



By [Mark Lieberman](#) — May 02, 2025 8 min read

SUMMER MADNESS: FY 26 BUDGET IMPACT AID

May 1st Skinny Budget

"Key grant programs like Impact Aid for school districts that have federal land within their boundaries, ..., go unmentioned in Trump's budget.

They could be among the programs whose funding Trump wants to wrap up in the "simplified" fund, they could be proposed for elimination, or they could be proposed for no changes at all."



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BY ARIS FOLLEY - 05/30/25 7:20 PM ET



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Budget Appendix

President Trump is calling for more than \$160 billion in cuts to **nondefense discretionary spending** — amounting to about 22 percent — while requesting a boost to defense dollars.

While presidential budget requests aren't signed into law, they can serve as a blueprint for lawmakers as they begin crafting their funding legislation.



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The documents released Friday build upon the cuts outlined in Trump's earlier request, which called for double-digit cuts for a list of agencies including the departments of Agriculture, **Education**, Housing and Urban Development, Labor, and State.



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The White House still owes Congress several other pieces of its budget, and White House budget director Russ Vought said this week that the **full proposal won't be released until after Republicans enact their party-line megabill [reconciliation]** this year with tax cuts and funding increases for the military and border security.



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Many of the budget documents the Trump administration posted Friday were full of zeros. **The Education Department's brief, for example, contains entire pages of programs the Trump administration wants to eliminate**, including federal grants that support preschools, education services for homeless children and those living in rural areas.





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Trump is weighing big cuts to the U.S. Education Department

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Statement on Possible Dismantling of Department of Education

With the numerous news outlets reporting a potential Executive Order aiming to dismantle the U.S. Department of Education, FLISA wants to ensure that our school districts and Members of Congress understand that every student in a Federal Lands (Impact Aid Section 7002) school is directly tied to Impact Aid.

By acquiring what would otherwise be taxable properties, the federal government reduced the tax dollars that support our students, and an executive order cannot simply waive away that longstanding obligation.

The students in Federal Lands districts should not languish in underfunded schools, nor should citizens in their communities be burdened with higher taxes due to the federal government's actions.

In an informal survey conducted last week, leaders in Federal Lands school districts overwhelmingly indicated that eliminating Impact Aid Section 7002 would lead to reductions in teaching staff, resulting in larger class sizes. In addition, they universally stated that loss of this funding would cause the elimination of student programming, including tutoring, before and after school activities, and extracurriculars.

The Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association (FLISA) represents approximately 200 districts and nearly 900,000 children that have federally owned land within their boundaries.

Every one of those students is directly tied to Impact Aid because of the loss of tax dollars due to a federal presence.

for other expenses incurred while attending a meeting



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Just how deeply congressional Republicans are willing to slice into federal programs will start to become clear next week (June), when House GOP appropriators plan to debut the first of a dozen annual funding bills.



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The White House has not threatened to veto funding bills that exceed, or depart sharply from, the president's request. But Trump's budget chief has said the **administration hasn't ruled out continuing to use "impoundment" to withhold congressionally approved funding the administration doesn't want to spend.**



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Attracting Democratic support in the Senate is likely to require higher funding levels, which could prompt Republican opposition across Capitol, House Appropriations Chair Tom Cole acknowledged this month.

“Anything they do to get Democratic support in the Senate — which they have to do under their own rules — will almost certainly cost me Republican support over here,” said the Oklahoma Republican.



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That was not the case earlier this year when House GOP leaders mustered near-unanimous GOP support in their chamber to pass a funding patch through September. However, several House Republicans have already warned **they won't back another stopgap this fall, insisting instead on enactment of full-year appropriations bills.**



SUMMER MADNESS: FY 26 BUDGET MODEL PART 2

IMPACT AID

For carrying out programs of financial assistance to federally affected schools authorized by title VII of the ESEA, \$1,625,151,000, of which \$1,474,000,000 shall be for basic support payments under section 7003(b), \$48,316,000 shall be for payments for children with disabilities under section 7003(d), \$19,000,000 shall be for construction under section 7007(a), \$79,000,000 shall be for Federal property payments under section 7002, and \$4,835,000, to remain available until expended, shall be for facilities maintenance under section 7008: Provided, That for purposes of computing the amount of a payment for an eligible local educational agency under section 7003(a) for school year 2025–2026, children enrolled in a school of such agency that would otherwise be eligible for payment under section 7003(a)(1)(B) of such Act, but due to the deployment of both parents or legal guardians, or a

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NAFIS e-mail Monday, June 2, 2025

Your Thoughts?

- Impact on our messaging?
- Do we continue to Ask for Increases?
- Project 2025 References?

Political and Legal Landscape

The administration's budget book, despite quoting Trump's Executive Order to close the U.S. Department of Education, **does not propose moving education functions to other agencies** (e.g., IDEA to HHS, student loans to Treasury, or civil rights to DOJ).

The budget request, while unlikely to pass in full, signals the administration's priorities. Many of the proposed changes—including those to Title I and IDEA—would require congressional action to implement. Education advocates and members of both parties are wary, particularly over the defunding of bipartisan programs like rural education, TRIO, and GEAR-UP.



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Late on Friday, President Trump released his Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 federal budget request, following the "[skinny budget](#)" he put forth earlier in May.

The budget calls for a **15% cut to the U.S. Department of Education**, reducing overall funding from \$79.6 billion to \$66.7 billion. While level funding key programs like Title I-A (\$18.4B) and IDEA Part B (\$14.9B), the proposal recommends sweeping structural changes that would consolidate or eliminate dozens of grant programs, shift decision-making power to states, and flat-fund IDEA while consolidating six of its targeted sub-programs into the main Part B grant. The only proposed increase for K-12 funding is for the federal charter schools program, which sees an additional \$60 million.

Impact Aid Protected, But Needs Persist

Impact Aid is level funded in the proposal at \$1.625B. Each component of the program – including 7002 Federal Property, 7003(b) Basic Support, 7003(d) Children with Disabilities, 7007 Construction, and 7008 Facilities Maintenance – is funded at the same level as in FY 2024 (which is also the current funding level under the continuing resolution for FY 2025).



SUMMER MADNESS: NAFIS CONFERENCE: GOOD TIMING

The federal budget process

Learn about the federal government's budget process, from the president's budget plan to Congress's work creating funding bills for the president to sign.

Every year, the U.S. Congress begins work on a federal budget for the next fiscal year. The federal government's fiscal year runs from October 1 of one calendar year through September 30 of the next.



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2025 NAFIS Fall Conference

Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill 400 New Jersey Ave NW, DC, United States

Registration Opens July 1! Special early bird rate available until July 15. Tentative agenda & host hotel reservations to come. Learn more on the conference website. New Opportunity! Call For Proposals Due June 30, 2025 (notifications by August 8, 2025) For the first time, NAFIS is launching a call for session proposals—giving members the opportunity [...]

**All of these things are
going to impact our
messaging in September.**

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 nontaxable 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 face 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 to:**

Increase Impact Aid funding for 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 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.

Build support for the *Impact Aid Infrastructure Partnership Act* (S. 1275/H.R. 2629)

The current Impact Aid Construction allocation of just \$19 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 \$250 million annually for four years 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 this milestone, NAFIS will work with Impact Aid champions in the Senate and House to introduce celebratory resolutions recognizing September 30, 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 Coalitions), Members of Congress show support for federally impacted school districts and Impact Aid. Established in the 1990s, the Caucus has led many successful efforts to protect and prioritize the Impact Aid program.

PREPARING FOR SEPTEMBER NAFIS TALKING POINTS

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- 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
- This would keep the entire Impact Aid ask at 4.4% for the entire program.
- Even though it came out in May, we are still waiting to see what is in the President's Budget before making Project 2025 a discussion item. We don't want to be the ones to bring it up. (See Ed. Week article)
 - 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.



Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association

Education For Children, Fairness for Taxpayers

FLISA Talking Points for March 2025 Hill Visits

FLISA Members – This is not a handout but talking points for communicating with members of Congress and staff. The NAFIS 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 explain and answer any questions about federal impact aid and ask for your support for funding.
2. *Explain impactation for each district (federal land, percentage, etc.). What would you lose 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

4. *The Section 7002 Impact Aid Program is absolutely essential for ALL STUDENTS and for nearly 75 years, Congress has provided funding to local school districts and students with bipartisan support. Section 7002 is the nation's oldest K-12 federal education program and predates the Department of Education by decades.*
5. Impact Aid reimburses school districts for the lost revenue associated with nontaxable federal property. This is valuable land that was seized by the government, *making that land exempt from local property taxes for schools.*
6. 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 Associations

7. There are more than 1,100 federally impacted school districts that receive Impact Aid located across all 50 states. Together, we educate *more than 9 million public school students.*
8. Our association is the Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association (Section 7002), and [FLISA](#) represents *approximately 200 districts and nearly 900,000 children* that have federally owned land within their boundaries.
9. FLISA is part of the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools. [NAFIS](#) also includes Mid-to-Low LOT Schools (MTLLS), Military Impacted Schools Association (MISA) and the National Indian Impacted Schools Association (NIISA).

Local Financial Implications

10. *Our Section 7002 school districts have not been fully funded since 1988.* 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.
11. 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.*
12. 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.
13. 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.*
14. The impact of lost federal funding will either result in a *loss of educational programs, or a proportional increase in taxes* at 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

15. We are asking Congress to *support \$3.5 million* in additional funding, for a *total FY26 request of \$84.5 million.*
16. This is a 4.4 percent increase over the previous three years, which have *averaged approximately 1 percent per year.*

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

17. *For those not already a member,* please consider joining over 100 members of the the bipartisan Impact Aid Coalition for the 119th Congress. Please contact JSchimmenti@nafisd.org to sign up or if you have any questions.
18. Please also consider supporting the fully bipartisan [Advancing Toward Full Impact Aid Funding](#) Act, which is aimed at advancing towards fully funding the Impact Aid program.

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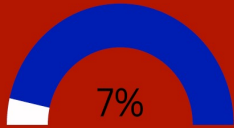
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Did you know?


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.

Section 7002 Impact Aid has not been fully funded since 1988, putting our schools and communities at a serious financial disadvantage compared to our neighboring school districts.

Impacted schools receive on average just seven cents on the dollar in Impact Aid, compared to what would be received from local property taxes.



Also, please support our students by joining the bipartisan Impact Aid Coalitions and supporting the Advancing Toward Impact Aid Full Funding Act. Visit www.nafisd.org for details.

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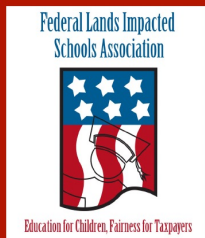
Our Request for Congressional Support

- A total of \$84.5 million in Section 7002 funding for FY26, an increase of \$3.5 million.
- The average increase in funding over in recent years has been roughly 1 percent.
- Please consider supporting the Advancing Toward Impact Aid Full Funding Act.

www.flisa.org

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Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association Education For Children, Fairness for Taxpayers



Who We Are

FLISA represents local schools, children, and taxpayers with federally owned land within their school district boundaries under Program Section 7002. FLISA is part of the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS), which also includes schools and children on military bases and Indian reservations.

FLISA	NAFIS
~200 Districts	~1,100 Districts
Over 900,000 Students	Over 8,000,000 Students

Federal Impact Aid is for Our STUDENTS!

- It is critical revenue for our students and local school districts
- Our communities and taxpayers rely on this funding to maintain small class sizes and provide essential programs and services.
- Congress created the Impact Aid program to provide funding to offset the loss of property tax revenues in local schools.

Impact Aid Fast Facts

- Funds critical educational programs and services
- Direct, flexible, and locally controlled funding
- America's oldest K-12 federal education program
- Bipartisan support has been in place for nearly 75 years, but Impact Aid is funded at just 7 percent

How Funding is Used

- Smaller Class Sizes
- Academic Interventions
- Art, Music, STEM, Gifted
- Career and Technical Ed
- Mental and Physical Health
- School Safety and Security
- Before, After, and Summer School Programming
- Highly Qualified Teacher Recruitment and Retention

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Advocating with MERIT

In order to effectively advocate to our elected officials for impact aid, or for anything for that matter, one must work to convey a purpose.

Our message has to resonate with our audience, in this case our legislative leaders or their staffers. When they hear about Impact Aid, they should think of you. Conversely, when they hear about you, they should think about Impact Aid and what it means to your students.

While there are many ways to approach this work, one simple acronym may be useful, especially to those of us who are relatively new to the process.

Memorable - Your story should be something that stays with the individual you are meeting with.

Emotional - Your story should connect with your audience through the heart, as well as through the brain.

Relatable - Your story should evoke that head nodding response of knowing. Your audience should be able to picture your situation.

Immersive - Your story should be engaging and wrap your audience up in your message.

Tangible - Your story should be something that provides a sense of experience, even if it is not physically able to be touched during the conveyance.

You can meld these elements into a short anecdote about your school. We always think about our elevator pitch. This is a method for organizing your story.

Jot down a few points about the story of your district and impact aid. Identify the elements:

- What makes it **memorable**?
- What connects it to your audience's **emotional** senses?
- How is your story **relatable**?
- How does it **immerse** your audience in your district's work or in its needs?
- How is it **tangible**?

PREPARING FOR MARCH— MERIT ELEVATOR SPEECH

Hill Day September 16

INTERPRETING A CONGRESSMAN BY THE MICHIGAN DELEGATION

Congressman Jack Bergman discusses federal impact aid, school funding, cherries and more





Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association

Education For Children, Fairness for Taxpayers

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

The Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association (FLISA) Mission

- 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

- Membership dues enable FLISA to advocate on Capitol Hill for public education and specifically the Federal Properties portion (section 7002) of the Impact Aid program. The new administration has identified the Federal Properties section as a target for elimination. Your membership, and advocacy efforts from other FLISA members and the NAFIS family, are critical for sustaining your District's annual program funding.
- 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.
- You will have a say and vote when it comes to new initiatives, budgets, funding formula changes, etc.
- You will have access to resources necessary to keep fully up to date on the program and your district's funding.
- 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.
- 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.

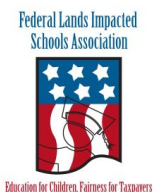
How to Become a Member of FLISA

- School leaders looking to protect their Impact Aid Funding can join FLISA by completing our membership form sent annually or contacting the FLISA Executive Director, Tom Schneider directly at:
schneiderthomasw@hotmail.com or 219-545-1011. Information is also available on our website: www.FLISA.org.

PREPARING FOR MARCH

Committee Work

Reasons to Join FLISA



Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association

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March 11, 2025

Representative Robert Bresnaham

DC Office Address

Washington, D.C. XXXXX

Dear Representative Bresnaham:

Two public school districts in your legislative district, East Stroudsburg and Delaware Valley, collectively receive approximately \$1.3 million annually per the Federal Impact Aid Program, authorized in Title VII of the Elementary and Secondary Schools Act. The purpose of this letter and accompanying informational material is to increase your awareness of the bi-partisan Section 7002 Impact Aid program and request your support for continuation of this critical funding not only for the school districts in your congressional district, but for all federally impacted school districts across the country.

I serve as Executive Director of the Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association (FLISA) and represent school districts who have lost local tax revenue due to the presence of federal property within their boundaries, such as military installations, national parks, federal research facilities, and other tax-exempt federal lands. East Stroudsburg and Delaware Valley school districts are impacted by NAME OF FEDERAL PROPERTY and received \$589,487 and \$733,413 in impact aid payments respectively during the 2024-25 school year. This vital funding goes directly to these school districts from the Federal Impact Aid Office, which is under the U.S. Department of Education.

Please review the information provided to learn more about the Federal Impact Aid Program and feel free to contact me with any questions. The school districts in your legislative district are counting on your support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Thomas Schneider, Executive Director
Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association
schneiderthomasw@hotmail.com
219-545-1011

PREPARING FOR MARCH

Committee Work

Leave Behind Letter

FLISA.org

How can we better use our website?

Federal Lands Impacted
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Elwood SD at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

FLISA: Ed

The Mission of National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) is to protect the rights of eligible districts for tax roles; such revenue

meeting MINUTES

March 10 - NAFIS Spring Conference 2025

February 1 - FLISA 2025 Winter Meeting

September 23 - NAFIS Fall Conference 2024

June 27 - FLISA 2024 Summer Meeting (San Diego)

[More Meeting Minutes](#)

upcoming MEETINGS

June 19 - June 20 - FLISA Summer Meeting 2025

September 14 - September 16 - NAFIS Fall Conference 2025

January 29 - January 30 - FLISA Winter Meeting 2026

June 18 - June 19 - FLISA Summer Meeting 2026

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FLISA News

April 11, 2025

Highland Falls Town Hall on Impact A



Highland Falls Schools held a town hall

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New Idea Alert

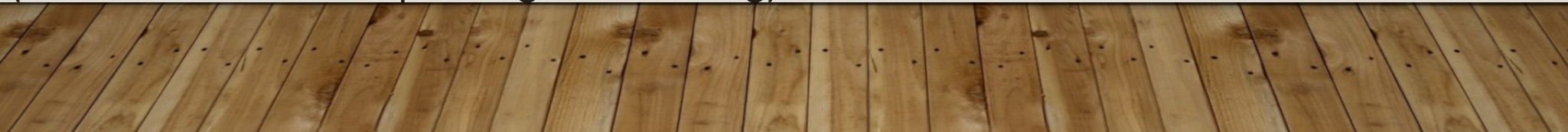
7002 Federal Lands Caucus



Mike McElduff, Highland Falls: ***Section 7002 Federal Lands Coalition or Caucus*** of Congressional members supporting our type of impact aid. This would obviously be in addition to all types of Impact Aid, but specifically for 7002. It would clearly need to be bi-partisan and we would need to find someone who is 7002 impact aid "first".

*Not sure yet, what that Caucus of 7002 would look like or what it would do aside from being a **supporter of language advocating for increased impact aid spending** overall and 7002 specifically. However, it may be helpful in pointing out what districts would be specifically hurt with the elimination of 7002. We would obviously grow this Caucus past the first two bi-partisan members...but its not going anywhere without the two start up bi-partisans.*

(Jason Misner and Steph Long contributing)



New Idea Alert

Breach of Contract Legal Challenge



Stephanie Long, Leland: Our FLISA group hire a lawyer now to draft a lawsuit to be filed on the day 7002 funds get cut suing the government for breach of contract. Have him take the case pro-bono for name recognition. The odds that 7003 gets cut are small given the military connection and the sheer number of schools and kids it would impact. We are specifically named in Project 2025 and we are smaller and less represented on the NAFIS board.

Tracking the lawsuits against Donald Trump's executive actions

Last updated May 27, 2025, 5:10 PM

Dozens of lawsuits have been filed during President Donald Trump's second administration. The suits challenge his executive orders as well as actions taken by his administration, including Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency or DOGE. The courts have agreed to block the president in a number of cases, and the administration is seeking appeals as well.

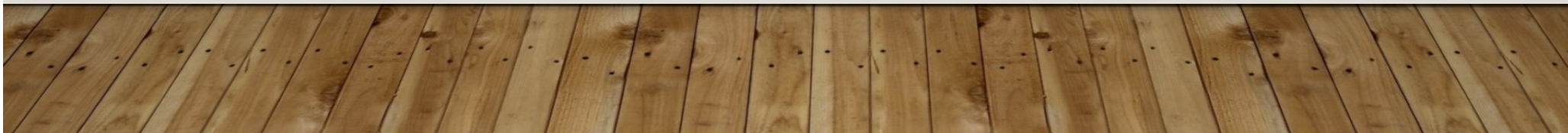


New Idea Alert

Impact Aid Advocacy Town Hall



Mike McElduff, Highland Falls: *Town Hall* was a great success, with participation from representatives at both the federal and state levels. We had an attendance of over 80 individuals, and we believe the session effectively encouraged attendees to engage our politicians through letter-writing. We had pre-written letters for families as well as letters for community members who don't have children in our schools. We also have letters at each of our schools for parents to review and sign and we are working with advocacy groups to hand them out at the local Library and other locations. Our next step is to engage our faculty, staff and students to all write a letter by the end of May.



TOWN HALL MEETING

April 23, 2025 @ 6:00 PM

JIO High School Auditorium

Join Our Community Discussion on Federal Impact Aid

Federal Impact Aid significantly supports our school budget, allowing us to maintain crucial educational resources, staffing, and student programs. Our district's unique circumstances mean that losing even part of this funding would have profound consequences for our schools and community.

During the Town Hall, we will:

- Explain what Federal Impact Aid is, why it matters, and how it directly supports our schools.
- Discuss our district's financial challenges and heavy reliance on federal funding.
- Highlight what is at risk if this critical funding is reduced or eliminated.
- The potential negative consequences of the elimination of Federal Impact Aid funding on the community.
- Share ways our community can advocate to safeguard these essential resources.

Your participation and voice are essential to ensuring our students receive the education and support they deserve. Together, we can protect our district's future. If you have any questions, please send them to impactaid@hffmcsd.org. We will respond to the questions during the Town Hall.

Your Voice Matters!

**PLEASE USE [THIS FORM TO REGISTER](#) IN ADVANCE
FOR THIS IMPORTANT TOWN HALL.**





Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association

Education For Children, Fairness for Taxpayers

July 2024

Dear Section 7002 Impact Aid Recipient:

I don't have to tell you, we are in unprecedented times. What we see daily in our political headlines is truly unheard of and there are no guarantees that funding for any program will continue has it has in the past. This uncertainty can be unsettling as we try to set our school budgets for the coming years.

Given these tumultuous times, I want to remind you about the importance of **your** Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association (FLISA) membership.

Accompanying this letter is the 2024-25 FLISA renewal notice. It is your school district's opportunity to join the one and only Impact Aid organization dedicated solely to representing school districts that receive Section 7002 funding.

The Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association (FLISA) is your connection to Congress and the Department of Education. Our recent successes have included the continued authorization of the Impact Aid Law and **appropriations increases** for Section 7002 school districts like yours.

Many of you have been active participants in these efforts over the years, but **all** of you can support these efforts through your membership dues.

I know that during the summer Impact Aid can get pushed to the back burner. But, whenever I think about how many other challenging things there are to do, I hate to imagine how much more challenging those things would be without Impact Aid dollars.

I hope that you will join us not only because our cause of Impact Aid for federal lands is just, but also because it is in the spirit and comradery of fighting for something just that we make connections that provide support and lift our spirits.

Please join our efforts to increase impact aid funding and preserve the important school programs those funds provide.

Sincerely,
Tom Schneider, Ed. D.
Executive Director, Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association

Stay Informed

Please update your contact information by contacting me at: schneiderthomasw@hotmail.com. Also be sure to following us on twitter at: [@FLISA7002](https://twitter.com/FLISA7002)—Also check our website for all the latest: www.FLISA.org



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FLISA SCHOOLS MEMBERSHIP DUES INVOICE

School District:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip Code:	
Contact Person:	
Title:	
Phone:	
**E-mail Address:	

**Please include your email address when returning this invoice. This will be used to send you important Impact Aid-Section 7002 information and updates.

Dues Structure 2025-2026

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

Impact Aid Funding	# Districts	Dues	FLISA Revenue	Funding Ave*	% of Ave	% Revenue
\$99,999 or Less	20	\$100	2,000	50,000	0.20%	3.90%
\$100,000 - \$249,999	9	\$350	3,150	175,000	0.20%	6.15%
\$250,000 - \$499,999	14	\$650	9,100	325,000	0.20%	17.76%
\$500,000 - \$999,999	10	\$1,500	15,000	750,000	0.20%	29.27%
\$1,000,000 or More	11	\$2,000	22,000	1,000,000	0.20%	42.93%
	64		51,250			

*The "Funding Average" is simply the midpoint of the funding range for the impact aid funding category, with exception of the \$1M+ districts, which is a based on the \$1 million minimum for those districts.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Dues Information

- Watch for it in July
- Make District Staff are Aware
- New Dues Structure
- Note Bookkeeper Address



Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association

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FLISA Winter Meeting 2026

THURSDAY, January 29, 2026—Committee Meetings As Scheduled (Between 2PM-4PM)

FRIDAY, January 30, 2026—9AM-4PM Eastern Time

Hyatt Regency Clearwater Beach Resort and Spa, 301 South Gulfview Blvd,
Clearwater Beach, Florida

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM AND INVOICE

PLEASE PRINT/TYPE ALL INFORMATION:

School District: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Emergency
Contact Name/Phone: _____

Meeting Participants Name(s): _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Conference Registration includes meeting room and a post meeting reception (open to attendees and their guests). Breakfast will be on your own. **No registration refunds will be given after January 2, 2026.**

Conference Registration \$200* X _____ (Number of Participants) Total \$ _____
*Lunch will be provided.

Please mail your payment with this form by January 2, 2026 made payable to FLISA to:

FLISA—Attention: Bookkeeper
2009 Eastlake Drive
Ottawa, IL 61350

Hotel Reservations: Make your hotel reservations as early as possible. **Hyatt Regency Clearwater Beach Resort and Spa, 301 South Gulfview Blvd, Clearwater Beach, Florida.** Meeting participants should use this link to reserve their room under the group code: **G-FDLD.**

<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/PIERC/G-FDLD>

The rates of \$279-\$329 per night (plus tax) extend through the weekend should some of the meeting participants want to stay in the area longer between Wednesday January 28th and Sunday, February 1st. Or, you can call Central Reservations at (877) 803-7534 and request to be booked in the block named: **FLIS Winter Meeting 2026.** The hotel will only hold rooms thru **Friday, January 2, 2026.**

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FLISA Winter Meeting 2026

Thursday, January 29— Friday, January 30

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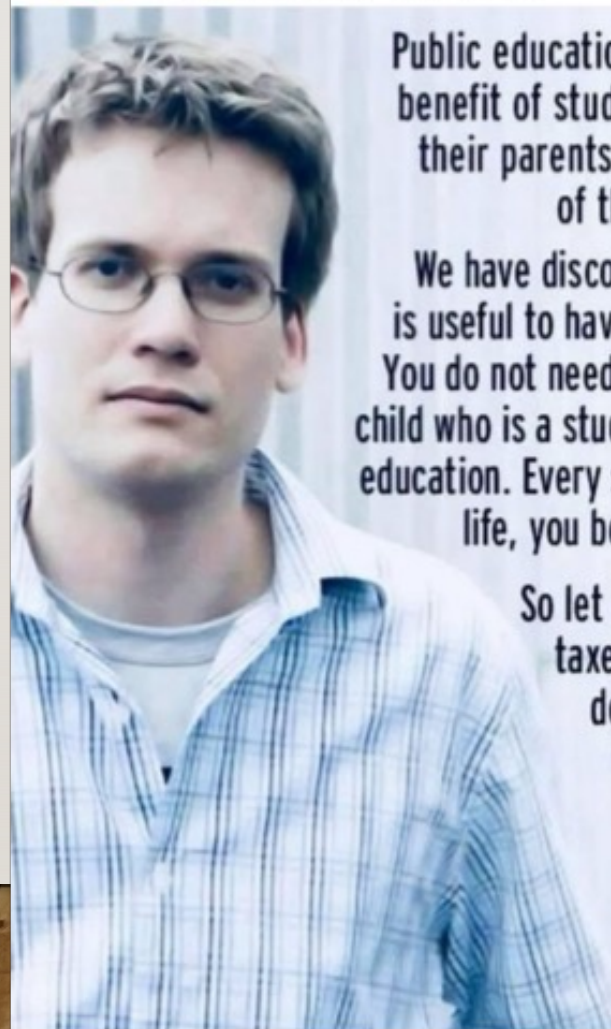


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Suggested for you

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Public education does not exist for the benefit of students or for the benefit of their parents. It exists for the benefit of the social order.

We have discovered as a species that it is useful to have an educated population. You do not need to be a student or have a child who is a student to benefit from public education. Every second of every day of your life, you benefit from public education.

So let me explain why I like to pay taxes for schools, even though I don't personally have a kid in school: It's because I don't like living in a country with a bunch of stupid people.

-JOHN GREEN