



Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association

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FLISA Member Meeting Agenda
NAFIS Fall Conference—Washington DC
Sunday, March 15th—10:45-11:45AM **Congressional A**
Monday, March 16th—8:30-10AM **Congressional A**

Please bring your laptop/device for Committee Work.

Our **new NAFIS Executive Director, Cherise Imai**, will be attending one of our meetings as time permits to introduce herself and provide a brief NAFIS overview and answer questions.

I. Welcome Comments and Review of the Mission/Vision of FLISA – Frank Sheboy

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III. Introduction by Those in Attendance

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

Please sign-in during the meeting for FLISA attendees a list and include the offices and staff member FLISA members will be visiting on the hill. This will be shared with NAFIS Staff to coordinate our advocacy efforts.

IV. FLISA Executive Director’s Report – Tom Schneider

- A. Overview
B. This is a member-led organization...we work together in advocacy.
C. The success of this meeting is what you do between meetings to advocate for the goals of Impact Aid and FLISA

V. Approval of minutes from FLISA Spring Meeting—Sarah Wedge

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VI. Treasurer and Bookkeeper Report—Cathie Peznowski/Jerry Ellender

- A. FY 26 Budget Information;
- Goal is to have one-year of expenses on hand.
 - Reminder to update district contact information on the website under update 7002 Data
 - Membership Letters out in July (Remember there’s a New Address)
 - **56 Members** / Down from 71 Members
 - (But Texas Fiscal Year/Reminders Not Out Yet)
 - 4 Mew Members

IX. NAFIS Board and NAFIS Update— Craig Hutcheson/Christine Walker

- A. Update on NAFIS Organization
B. NAFIS Executive Director Introduction—Cherise Imai
C. NAFIS Conference: Suggestions?
D. Department of Education Staffing Status
E. **Share Your District’s Newest Initiatives with NAFIS Staff for publication Reminder**
F. Anticipated NAFIS Dues Increase



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X. Executive Director: Legislative Update

- A. FLISA Organization is humming...Federal Government not so much.
- B. Share your stories (See: Highland Falls and Elwood)
- C. OASIS/NIISA Partnerships

XI. Review of 119th Congress and FY 26 NAFIS Appropriations Ask

Status of NAFIS Request for FY 26:

- Support an increase in Impact Aid funding of at least \$5 million, as included in the House Labor-Health-Education Appropriations bill.
 - \$1 million for Sec. 7002 Federal Property
 - \$4 million for Sec. 7003 Basic Support
 - It was one of very few programs to see additional funding.

Talking Points:

- Explain how level funding (and even this \$1M increase) is effectively a cut to an already underfunded program due to **new schools qualifying for funding and inflation.**
 - **4.4% increase or \$3.5M per year is needed for adequate funding.**
- Thank them for Congress's recent investments in the Impact Aid program.
- Explain how a possible cut to your Impact Aid payment would affect your district.
- 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.

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FLISA Statement in Support of Advancing Toward Impact Aid Full Funding Act HR 5195:

"This legislation represents the clearest path to making things right for the students, communities and taxpayers impacted by a federal presence within their school boundaries. It is time to fully fix these problems that were created for the past seven decades. This legislation is the best way to get it done, and now is finally the time."

--Tom Schneider, Executive Director FLISA



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Fairness in Education Funding Act - H.R.4260

This legislation would prevent the Secretary of Education from significantly altering the administration of the Impact Aid program from how it was administered on January 1, 2025, except as required by Federal law or a court order.

The Ask:

- Cosponsor the bill by contacting Callie Lucia (callie.lucia@mail.house.gov) with Rep. Pat Ryan (D-NY).
- *Note: There is no Senate companion to this legislation.*

Resolution Recognizing the 75th Anniversary of Impact Aid – _S.Res. TBD / H.Res.TBD

This bipartisan and bicameral resolution would designate September 30, 2025 as “Impact Aid Recognition Day” to recognize and celebrate the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Impact Aid Program.

The Ask:

- Cosponsor the resolution by contacting: Ben Strand (ben_strand@hirono.senate.gov) with Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI)
- *Note: A House companion to this legislation is expected soon.*
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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 led successful efforts to protect and prioritize the Impact Aid program. There are nearly 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. It is an easy way to show your support for federally impacted schools and Impact Aid.

The Ask:

- Contact JSchimmenti@nafisdc.org to join.

XIII. Committee Updates and Committee Work (See Below)

A. Mike McElduff --Advocacy Committee

- a. “Leave Behind Packets”
- b. **Section 7002 Federal Lands Coalition or Caucus--New Idea Alert**

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)

c. **Breach of Contract Suit—New Idea Alert***

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.*

**Discussion on possible legal costs see attached.*

- B. Bob Reichert--**Membership** Committee
 - b. Review “Why Join” Brochure sent in Membership Letters in June
- C. Mark Cross--**Messaging** Committee (*Greatest Committee Ever Assembled*)
 - c. Review Leave-behind and messaging for 119th Congress/OMB

FLISA Leave Behind Handout

Attached is the flyer for congressional members and staffers with the updates we discussed this summer. This includes a new cute kids picture, as well as an added patriotic picture (more cute kids) with some additional space that was created. Some of the graphics were also retooled and rearranged a bit, and several things were reworded for clarity and consistency.

More substantively, you will see references to why our *taxpayers* need impact aid, as well as *efficiency*. I also thought from some of our past conversations that it made sense to get away from it being the "oldest" program and "75 years" old, as some could see that as a bad thing. Along those lines, the Fast Facts now says...

- Funds vital educational programs and services
- Highly efficient, flexible, and locally controlled funding
- Essential for our students as well as our local taxpayers
- Years of strong bipartisan and bicameral support
- Funded at just 7 percent, continued support is critical

Take a close look and thoughts on this are very welcome, but soon please as I will need to get these printed by the end of the week.

d. **Town Hall Event to Spread Awareness of Impact Aid—New Idea Alert**

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.*

“Hey Mike, how can I do one of those cool town hall events?”



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XIV. Recognition and Nominations for FLISA Extra Mile Award

- A. Tom Madden Recognition
- B. Highland Falls Recognition
- C. *Steph Long, Summer, 2026*

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

- A. Interim communications
- B. Winter January 2026 FLISA Meeting Information—St. Petersburg, Florida
- C. Spring March 2026 NAFIS Conference—Washington DC

XVI. Next FLISA Meeting Dates/Locations

- a. **FLISA Winter, 2026 Meeting**, Hyatt Regency Clearwater, Florida—January 29-30th—*Registration Form Available June, 2025*
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- c. **FLISA Summer, 2026 Meeting**—Park Place Hotel, Traverse City, MI—June 18-19th—Location TBD--*Registration Available January, 2026*
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XVII. Action Items:

17-A. Approval of FLISA Summer Meeting Minutes (June 20, 2025)

XIX. Reception Reminder/Adjournment

***Call for Presentations—Winter 2026 FLISA Meeting**

Enhancing the FLISA Meeting Agenda – Our Thanks to April Moore for volunteering to present at our Summer Meeting...We are now looking for volunteers for Winter Meeting, in Clearwater in 2025.

Steph Long and her team from Leland, Michigan have already volunteered for our FLISA Summer Meeting in 2026. Be sure to reserve your presentation date as soon as possible.

***Call for Presentations—Winter FLISA Meeting 2026**

Do you have important best practices to share with the educator community? Are you an expert on a cutting-edge issue in youth development or education? Can you captivate a crowd? Well, it's time to bring your ideas to a national audience – become a presenter at the FLISA Winter Conference in January, 2026 Florida.

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FLISA Member Meeting Minutes

Hyatt Regency—Clearwater Beach, Florida

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A. Cherise Imai, NAFIS Executive Director, and Jayson Schimmenti, NAFIS Director of Policy and Advocacy, greeted the group.

Cherise shared a recap of her first few months in her new position and spoke highly of the staff's efforts during the shutdown; NAFIS is working on updating their strategic plan with a focus on how to best support current staff; Cherise encouraged FLISA membership to advocate to ensure IA stays relevant, alive, and positive.

Jayson shared his excitement about increased IA funding, highlighting \$1,000,000 in 7002; he discussed the Protect the Impact Aid Program and detailed the co-administration of IA in two departments, DOE and DOL, while keeping IA intact as well as keeping it unified in 7002 and 7003

NAFIS board will determine their Ask soon and share information with subgroups to ensure unified messaging

Fairness in Funding Act - Cherise and Jayson met with Senator Ryan (NY) and discussed language in his bill that would prevent any changes to IA without a court order or act of Congress

Jayson asked each member to review IA Caucus membership prior to Hill visits to thank current members and encourage new IA representative support.

B. Name, Title, Location and Impacted Land – see attached attendance sheet; members introduced themselves and shared the importance of Impact Aid funds for their local districts, the benefits students receive nationwide, and expressed their pride at being part of such an impactful advocacy program

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Overview of Hotel and Meeting Outline

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A. FY 27 Budget Update: *Membership dues increase was successful with no negative reaction; budget is underspent so far this year and could end in a surplus; draft FY27 budget will be presented in March and voted on at June meeting*

a. Budget Committee Set at this meeting (Cathie, Jerry and Frank)

B. Goal is to have one year of expenses on hand.

C. Includes Miscellaneous Line-Item (\$500) for Awards/Recognition

D. Membership: 71 Members – *added and lost members but only down one from previous year*

a. Welcome New Members – *none present*

VII. NAFIS Board and NAFIS Update—Craig Hutcheson/Christine Walker/Tom Schneider

A. Update on NAFIS Organization: *Under the leadership of the new Executive Director the NAFIS staff has been empowered and is acting independently to the benefit of the organization; In-person Hill visits have increased which may stop the move of the NAFIS to Alexandria building; membership is 409 this year and NAFIS a good place financially; dues change is still be discussed but not action has been taken; NAFIS board is headed in a collaborative, positive direction, is meeting more regularly, and is increasing in cohesiveness*

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- B. NAFIS Executive Director Introduction—Cherise Imai challenged FLISA to identify future “Champions” in Congress – she challenged the membership to anticipate what leaders will exist with upcoming changes in administrations (the next Thune/Cole/etc.) and to establish and maintain personal connections with new staffers
- C. NAFIS Conference: If you have an idea for a presentation, please send it to NAFIS
- D. Department of Education Staffing Status: Impact Aid staff is mostly intact and still performing daily tasks, reviewing applications, and processing payments
- E. Share Your District’s Newest Initiatives with NAFIS Staff for publication
- F. Anticipated NAFIS Dues Increase – still in discussion
- G. Note that some changes to the NAFIS Closing Reception have been discussed to begin in 2027; spring conference reception will remain on Tuesday
- IX. Executive Director: Legislative Update
 - Republican approach to Public Education was discussed using highlights from recent news articles
 - Shutdown - DHS funding and recent ICE activity is effecting Congress passing 6 funding bills by today, January 30th; White House and Senate worry about sending bills back to the House for approval; two-week Continuing Resolution was agreed upon last night which would allow five bills to fully pass and DHS bill to be reviewed; if Senate passes bills, bills need to go back to the House for approval and the House is not in session until Monday. Democrats want legislative action, not executive action to make changes at ICE which could delay passing any or all bills
 - Mid-Terms - President Trump’s approval rating will be in question during mid-term elections as Immigration and Inflation campaign promises are reviewed;

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- Trump ideas are supported but methods are unpopular “You can’t govern on vibes forever.” Mid-term issues: Health care, President Trump and how representatives align with Trump, tax changes from Big Beautiful Bill. 50 lawmakers have already announced they will not seek reelection, which is an indicator of instability. Redistricting across the nation will affect outcome of mid-term elections. 18 seats could change parties. Mid-term elections cannot be canceled but there is a feeling that the administration is working to undermine their authenticity.
- Public Education – In this term, President Trump has made most changes by Executive Order, not legislation; many of these have affected education by cutting funding and encouraging education outside of public schools. Removing the Department of Education would cut Civil Rights protections, SPED protections, grant funding, allow a focus on religion, and there would no longer any oversight or compliance enforcement. How does Democracy change if public schools are eliminated since it is a principle of our democratic process? States can opt in to the \$1700 tax credit passed in the BBB. Big picture is that negativity toward public schools is ultimately a financial decision.
 - Department of Education - With no Department of Education, Impact Aid will be moved to the Department of Labor. NAFIS was able to get a meeting with the DOE and shared concerns with Co-Administration of Impact Aid within two departments (DOE and DOL). NAFIS asked the current IA staff be moved to new department as a whole and DOE indicated they intend to keep the program together. NAFIS thanked staff for timely IA payments and stressed efficiency of grant program and payment processing. DOE understands this is a bi-partisan program. If DOE is going to prove they (the DOE) are not needed, they have been asked to ensure IA remains as effective as it currently is. Assistant Secretary Baeslar has been asked to speaking at the Spring conference in DC.

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Final Thoughts - Project 2025 includes omitting Impact Aid "not tied to students." All Impact Aid sections fund students even though student count might not be used in the application. Our country is at a turning point from a period of 'Sit Back and Watch' to 'Take Action' against an authoritative method of governing; peaceful protest is the norm and communities are uniting in their anger and concern

- A. Share your stories (See: Highland Falls)
- B. Legends in Advocacy (the Kevin Feeney Story and E-mail)

X. Review of 119th Congress and FY 26 NAFIS Appropriations Ask History and FY 27 Ask Discussion

Status of FY 26:

Original FY 26 NAFIS Request (March 2025)

- 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).
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CR Approved in November: Most 7002 Districts have received a majority of their FY 26 Foundation Payment shortly after the CR was approved in November.

Current Status of FY 26 Funding—January 20th: House and Senate Appropriators announced a package of FY26 funding bills covering Defense, Homeland Security, Labor-Health-Education, and Transportation-Housing. The bill includes a \$5 million increase for Impact Aid distributed as follows:

- Sec. 7002 - \$80,000,000 (+1 million)**
 - Sec. 7003 - \$1,477,000,000 (+3 million)
 - Sec. 7003(d) - \$49,316,000 (+1 million)
 - Sec. 7007 - \$19,000,000

This package must still pass Congress and be signed by the President, but it is a big step in the right direction for FY26 funding.

What does \$1M mean for my district – Worksheet on FLISA Website districts can determine average over five years



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FY 27 FLISA Ask Discussion – Stress positive benefits of IA, great works of federal properties, consistency with 7003, create positive relationships with staffers

From Craig Hutcheson on the NAEIS Board: *"We talked about this at our meeting last week and we will be determining the FY27 ask at one of our upcoming monthly meetings. I'd think we want it to be determined prior to the March meeting, but that was the conversation at the meeting last week. We did discuss the 4.4% idea and how that might work moving forward." Keep message consistent with 7003 unless 7003 drastically reduces their ask, 7002 should agree on a floor amount of \$1,000,000*

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ELISA (Unadvised) Statement in Support of Advancing Toward Impact Aid Full Funding Act: *"This legislation represents the clearest path to making things right for the students, communities and taxpayers impacted by a federal presence within their school boundaries. It is time to fully fix these problems that were created for the past seven decades. This legislation is the best way to get it done, and now is finally the time."*

--Tom Schneider, Executive Director FLISA

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 led successful efforts to protect and prioritize the Impact Aid program. There are nearly 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

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the caucus, suggest that they join. It is an easy way to show your support for federally impacted schools and Impact Aid.

- o Contact JSchmittment@natfsdc.org to join.

XII. Committee Updates and Committee Work (See Below)

A. Mike McElduff -- Advocacy Committee

a. "Leave Behind Packers" - 20 Congressional offices have been visited and packets were left behind; will repeat this with updated materials and leave behinds from *Messaging in March*; plan to revisit this in September ahead of November election. Jayson shared a "Dear Colleague" letter saying the Congressperson supports robust funding for Impact Aid which allows representative to provide support without committing additional funds; he will continue to focus on Caucus enrollment in handout; Advocacy committee will email FLISA district superintendents prior to meeting to offer to share any messages with Congress.

b. Fairness in Education Funding Act* -- GENIUS Idea Alert

*FLISA is waiting to see a copy of actual legislative language.

Mike McElduff, Highland Falls: Rep. Ryan was looking for a co-sponsor (hopefully Republican) to sign on to the Fairness in Education Funding Act. (Information Attached). Stephanie Long has reached out to Rep. Bergman (R-MI).

Congressman Pat Ryan's *Fairness In Education Funding Act* introduced in June 2025, aims to protect *Impact Aid* for school districts that lose revenue due to the presence of tax-exempt federal lands. The legislation ensures, in particular, that this funding remains stable during potential federal budgetary changes. The legislation will protect the integrity of the Impact Aid program and keep its functioning intact during the Trump years, despite Trump Administration attempts to dismantle the Department of Education (for example, by issuing an executive order directly saying so, by firing department staff. Looking for Republican co-sponsor

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NAFIS Efforts with Rep. Ryan staff (E-mail from January 7, 2026):

Rep. Ryan's staff: They are interested in doing more with this bill, but it has been pushed down their to-do list over the past few months by the other fires that keep popping up. We're going to work with them on shopping for more cosponsors and perhaps a Senate companion as they have more bandwidth.

B. Bob Reichert -- Membership Committee: Review membership letter

and one-page handout; Jayson will provide new member list prior to conference; develop outreach plan for new members; website will be reviewed and updated focusing on "Get Involved" area; review members who did not pay dues this year to see why and if we can encourage them to rejoin; will reach out to districts who receive over \$100,000 who are NAFIS members but not FLISA members and see if we can engage them; survey members to determine if FLISA is meeting needs and how current members can be involved, engaged, and find more value in membership; work with advocacy committee to ensure follow-up in addition to outreach. Biggest obstacle is time and real work at home -- assigning accountability should help alleviate this

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

C. Mark Cross -- Messaging Committee:

1. Review leave-behind and messaging for 119th Congress/OMB - Update flyers and ensure accurate Ask information from NAFIS; enhance best-practices for engagement by sending materials for FLISA members not in attendance and increase follow-up with representatives we met with in DC; develop post-election relationships with newly elected representatives; update FLISA



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website with current talking points and fillable membership form; Tom will reach out to website developer to update site

2. Invite a Senator to a School Opening-- **GENIUS Idea Alert Custer, SD invited Senator Thune for the ribbon cutting of their new CTE building; Impact Aid funds were used to help pay for the project**
3. Town Hall Event to Spread Awareness of Impact Aid—**GENIUS Idea Alert 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."**

XIV. Nominations for FLISA Recognition:

1. Extra Mile Award: Steph Long, Summer, 2026
- B. Nominations from the floor – **None mentioned**
- C. 50-year Service Recognition for Max Schochmaier during the March NAFIS Conference at the SD State Dinner - **FLISA Gift**
- D. Forkenbrock Scholarship – **A national scholarship will be awarded this year, subgroups have been asked to contribute; Board recommends a \$500 contribution to match donation to FISEF fund.**

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E-mail from NIISA Ex. Dir. Brent Gish, January 7, 2026: *"First, thank you very much for taking the time to travel to Vegas and attend the NIISA conference. Your presence is very much appreciated. Second, the NIISA Board of Directors is contributing to the John Forkenbrock Scholarship that was established jointly by the Forkenbrock family and South Dakota Impacted Schools Association. NIISA would like to challenge FLISA and LO-ISA to do the same. Please let me know what you think."*

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

- A. Interim communications
- B. Summer 2026 FLISA Meeting Information—Traverse City, MI
*Registration Information Attached

XVI. Next FLISA Meeting Dates/Locations

- a. **NAFIS Spring 2026 Conference:** Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill—Saturday, March 14th thru Wednesday, March 17th
 1. **Saturday, March 14th** Executive Board Mtg. (Glacier Room) 6-7PM
 2. **Sunday, March 15th** FLISA Membership Meeting (Congressional A) 10:45-11:45AM
 3. **Monday, March 16th** FLISA Membership Meeting (Congressional A) 8:30AM-10AM
- b. **FLISA Summer, 2026 Meeting**—Park Place Hotel, Traverse City, MI—June 18-19th—Location TBD--*Registration Available January 2026*
 1. Committee Work Thursday, June 18th—2PM-4PM
 2. Board Meeting Thursday, June 18th—4PM-6PM
 3. Membership Meeting Friday, June 19th—9AM-4PM
- c. **NAFIS Fall 2026 Conference:** Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill—Saturday, September 19th thru Wednesday, September 22nd

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- d. **FLISA Winter, 2027 Meeting**, Hyatt Regency Clearwater, Florida—January 28-29th—*Registration Form Available June, 2026*
 - 1. Committee Work Thursday, January 28th —2PM-4PM
 - 2. Board Meeting Thursday, January 28th —4PM-6PM
 - 3. Membership Meeting Friday, January 29th—9AM-4PM
- e. **NAFIS Spring 2027 Conference**: Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill—Saturday, March 13th thru Wednesday, March 17th
- f. **FLISA Summer, 2027 Meeting—Possible locations - Rapid City, SD; Newport, RI; Nashville, TN – Tom will research and report back in March meeting**
- g. **Registration Available January, 2027**
 - 1. Committee Work Thursday, June 24th—2PM-4PM
 - 2. Board Meeting Thursday, June 24th—4PM-6PM
 - 3. Membership Meeting Friday, June 25th—9AM-4PM
- h. **NAFIS Fall 2027 Conference**: Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill—Saturday, September 18th thru Tuesday, September 21st *
 - 1. *Closing Reception Moved to Monday, September 20th
 - 2. Hill Visit Day, Tuesday, September 21st
- i. **Need options for winter 2028 – FLISA could return to Clearwater or search for other sites in Florida – need to look for walking distance food and entertainment options**

XVII. Action Items:

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- 17-A. Approval of FLISA Fall Meeting Minutes - Jason Misner Glen Lake/Tim Page Etwood
 - 17-B. Appoint Members to the Budget Committee to prepare and present FY 27 Budget at Summer, 2026 meeting (Sheboy, Ellender, Peznoski) - Mike McElidurf Highland Falls/April Moore Sierra Sands
 - 17-C. Approval of FLISA Recognitions/Awards/Scholarship Donations – no vote
 - 17-D. Approval of Future Meeting Location Options (Summer 2027, Winter 2028-2029) with the Final Selection to take place March, 2026 – no vote
 - 17-E Motion to make a \$500 contribution to one-time national Forkenbrock Scholarship to be awarded in FY26 - April Moore Sierra Sands/Mark Cross Cass #63
 - 17-F Revise budget to increase donation/award line item in FY26 budget by \$500 - Kevin Feeney Wilmington/Ryan Huppert Leland
 - XVIII. Reception Reminder/Adjournment – Sally Crowser Wall/Tim Page Etwood to adjourn at 2:54pm
- Call for Presentations—Winter 2027FLISA Meeting
- Enhancing the FLISA Meeting Agenda** –We are now looking for volunteers for 2027 Winter Meeting, in Clearwater, FL in 2027. Do you have important best practices to share with the educator community? Are you an expert on a cutting-edge issue in youth development or education? Can you captivate a crowd? Well, it's time to bring your ideas to a national audience – become a presenter at the FLISA Winter Conference in Florida.

XVIII. Bob Reichert Presentation—Health Benefits Enhancement Program

“a pretty unique cost saving and health benefits enhancement program for employees and employers that involves no out-of-pocket costs. I know we try to avoid bringing vendors to our meetings trying to sell districts on products and programs, but this pretty much a no-brainer in my opinion that would simply be me providing some information.”

**Section 7002 YTD FLISA Treasurer's Report
July 1, 2025 - December 30, 2025**

	B	C	D	E	F	G	H				
	FY 27 Draft Budget	FY 26 Budget	FY 26 YTD	Variance	FY 25 Actuals	FY 23-24 Actuals	FY22-23 Actual	FY21-22 Actual	FY20-21 Actual	FY19-20 Actual	
Revenue											
1	Membership Dues	60,000	54,750	62,000	7,250	25,000	21,400	22,900	24,100	12,550	21,600
2	Winter Conference	5,200	5,500	4,000	1,500	5,400	4,640	5,230	4,000		4,960
3	Summer Conference	4,400	4,500			4,400	4,600	3,680	3,720	1,000	-
4	Total Revenue	69,600	64,750	\$66,000	1,250	34,800	30,640	31,810	31,820	13,550	26,560
Expenditures											
6	Executive Director										
7	Compensation	20,000	20,000	10,000	10,000	15,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
8	Travel	8,000	8,000	3,474	4,526	7,734	7,696	2,660	6,466	95	3,170
9	Printing/Other	1,000	1,000		1,000	90	500	1,125	-	809	2,194
10	Subtotal	29,000	29,000	13,474	15,526	22,824	18,196	13,785	16,466	10,904	15,363
11	Bookkeeper										
12	Compensation	5,000	5,000	2,500	2,500	2,500					
13	Travel	8,000	8,000	1,430	6,570	5,492	1,436				
14	Subtotal	13,000	13,000	3,930	9,070	7,992					
15	Executive Committee										
16	Printing	250	250	186	64	152	136	-	-	-	-
	FISEF Grant/Forkenbrock Scholarship	1,000	1,000		500						
	FLISA Awards	250	250	192	58						
17	Legal Expenses	-	-			2,240	1,012	-	-	-	-
18	Subtotal	1,500	1,500	378	622	2,392	1,148	-	-	-	-
19	FROM/MISA/NIISA Outreach (3)										
20	Travel	4,000	4,000	2,229	1,771	3,524	3,806	-	-	-	500
21	Printing/Other	500	500		500	302	500	500	500	-	-
22	Subtotal	4,500	4,500	2,229	2,271	3,826	4,306	500	500	-	500
23	General Operations										
24	Bank Charges	50	50	4	46	-	30	385	209		12
25	Website Development Maintenance	2,000	2,000	300	1,700	1,250	7,577	8,035	440	588	617
26	Software License	900	900	810	90	665	815	702	712	228	755
27	Printing	200	200		200		200				
28	Miscellaneous	600	600	176	424	326	289	234		1,335	132
	Subtotal	3,750	3,750	1,290	2,460						
29	Winter Conference	5,200	5,500			6,583	6,719	7,740	2,753	2,000	3,676
30	Summer Meeting	4,400	4,500			4,674	4,498	4,672	858	-	-
31	Subtotal	9,600	10,000			13,498	20,128	21,768	4,972	4,151	5,192
32	Total Expenditures	61,350	61,750	21,301	29,949	50,532	43,778	36,054	21,938	15,055	21,055
33	Net Income	8,250	3,000	\$44,699	45,404	(15,732)	(13,138)	(4,244)	9,882	(1,505)	5,505
34	Beginning Balance		41,865	41,865	41,865	57,597	70,735	74,979	65,097	66,602	#REF!
35	Ending Balance		45,000			41,865	57,597	70,735	74,979	65,097	#REF!
36	Winter Conference Revenue			4000		5,400	4,500	5,230	4,000	-	4,960
37	Winter Conference Expenditures					5,883	6,500	7,740	2,753	2,000	3,676
38	Winter Conference Net Income					(483)	(2,000)	(2,510)	1,247	(2,000)	1,284
39	Summer Conference Revenue					4,400	4,500	3,680	3,720	1,000	-
40	Summer Conference Expenditures (4)					4,674	4,500	4,672	858	-	-
41	Summer Conference Net Income					(274)	-	(992)	2,862	1,000	-

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Line 25 - Message Committee Printing Expenses for handouts for Fall Conference for Hill visits
Line 32 - Includes OASIS Travel for Tom

Revenue for winter conferece doesn't include two registration fees that came in late December early January = \$400

From: Jayson Schimmenti <jschimmenti@nafisd.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 3:45 PM
To: Brent Gish <gishbd@arvig.net>; kyle fairbairn <kykef@hotmail.com>; Tom Schneider <schneiderthomasw@hotmail.com>; LO_ISA <lo.isadirector@gmail.com>
Cc: Cherise Imai <cimai@nafisd.org>
Subject: Draft FY27 Appropriations Request Letter

Gentleman.

On Monday, the NAFIS board discussed our impact aid funding request for FY27. They opted to request an increase of \$71.5 million, consistent with our FY25 and FY26 asks. Attached is an updated draft letter reflecting the \$5 million increase in Impact Aid funding, which is expected to be enacted later today. Below is a breakdown of the referenced request by section.

Section	FY25	FY26 Expected	FY27 Request	Dif #	Dif %
7002	\$79,000,000	\$80,000,000	\$83,500,000	\$3,500,000	4.4%
7003	\$1,474,000,000	\$1,477,000,000	\$1,542,000,000	\$65,000,000	4.4%
7003(d)	\$48,316,000	\$49,316,000	\$50,816,000	\$1,500,000	3.0%
7007	\$19,000,000	\$19,000,000	\$20,500,000	\$1,500,000	7.9%
Total	\$1,620,316,000	\$1,625,316,000	\$1,696,816,000	\$71,500,000	4.4%

We also wanted to see if your subgroups had a preference for the type of construction grants specified for FY27. As an odd year, we would normally request competitive grants; however, we understand that FY26 will be competitive, which breaks our normal alternating pattern. We welcome your input on which type of grant we should request.

The board will formally approve the request at its March meeting. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns about the request/letter.

Thanks,
 Jayson



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March 12, 2026

Hon. Shelly Moore Capito, Chair
Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, and Education
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Hon. Tammy Baldwin, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, and Education
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Hon. Robert Aderholt, Chair
Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, Education
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Hon. Rosa DeLauro, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, Education
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair Capito, Chair Aderholt, Ranking Member Baldwin, and Ranking Member DeLauro:

The National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) requests that you provide at least \$1,696,816,000 for the U.S. Department of Education's Impact Aid Program for FY 2027, a \$71.5 million increase over FY 2026 enacted levels. Specifically, we request \$83.5 million for Federal Property (a \$3.5 million increase), \$1,542 billion for Basic Support (a \$65 million increase), \$20.5 million for Construction (a \$1.5 million increase), and \$50.816 million for Children with Disabilities (a \$1.5 million increase) for FY 2027.

NAFIS represents more than 1,000 Impact Aid-recipient school districts that educate nearly 8 million students nationwide. Impact Aid is the oldest elementary and secondary education program and represents a partnership between the Federal Government and those local communities where it holds significant non-taxable property, such as military installations, Indian treaty or trust land, Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act land, Federal low-rent housing facilities, national parks, and national laboratories.

NAFIS is grateful for Congress's past bipartisan support of the Impact Aid program and hopes that strong support will continue in FY 2027. Federally impacted school districts cannot afford stagnant appropriations or funding losses, which directly translate into larger class sizes, delayed facility repairs, reduced special education services, and diminished academic supports in communities that already shoulder the federal government's presence.

Section 7003 Basic Support: This cornerstone account of Impact Aid provides formula funding to support the students attending federally impacted public schools. This formula is based on several factors, including the cost of education, per pupil expenditures, and need. Because the federal government has been unable to fully meet its obligations to this program since 1969, underfunding it by nearly 40 percent on average, resulting in annual prorations to districts that rely on Impact Aid as a core revenue source. Recent congressional increases have helped mitigate this shortfall, and we urge continued

progress toward full funding in FY 2027. NAFIS supports a \$65 million increase for the coming fiscal year, which would build on increases provided in previous years and help the program keep pace with the rising education costs.

Section 7003(d) Children with Disabilities: Another essential which supports military-connected and Indian lands students with active Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) and the additional costs associated with specialized instruction and related services. As identification and service needs continue to grow, NAFIS seeks a \$1.5 million increase for FY 2027.

Section 7002 Federal Property: For Section 7002 payments, which provide formula funding based on the actual property in the school district owned by the Federal Government, we request an additional \$3.5 million in FY 2027. These funds will help ensure all federally impacted schools have the resources they need to provide a high-quality education to their students, partially offsetting new costs as the Federal Government continues to take property off local tax rolls and the value of taxable land on which the funding formula is based increases.

Section 7007 Construction: Finally, the Construction section of Impact Aid, which allows federally impacted schools to make critical renovations to their buildings, has received minimal federal funding until much-needed increases in recent years. For FY 2027, we request a \$1.5 million increase.

We further recommend that FY 2026 Section 7007 funds be distributed through the 7007(a) formula program, consistent with long-standing appropriations language alternating formula grants in even years and competitive grants in odd years.

Additional investments in Impact Aid are critical to help school districts close achievement gaps, update technology, expand access to early childhood and afterschool programs, provide school-based mental health supports, replace failing infrastructure, offer competitive salaries to recruit and retain school leaders, and more.

We respectfully urge you to prioritize these requested funding levels in the FY 2027 Labor, HHS, and Education appropriations bill to ensure federally impacted school districts can continue meeting their educational obligations to students.

Sincerely,

Cherise Imai
Executive Director

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Learning Opportunity Impacted Schools Association
- NIISA**
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FLISA Talking Points for March 2026 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. Federal Impact Aid is the nation's oldest K-12 federal education program, and it is essential for all students.
5. Since 1950, Congress has provided efficient and flexible funding to local schools and kids with bipartisan support.
6. Impact Aid reimburses school districts for the lost revenue associated with nontaxable federal property.
7. This land is owned by the federal government, making that land exempt from local property taxes for schools.
8. 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

9. There are 1,100 federally impacted school districts that educate approximately 8 million public students.
10. Our association is the Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association (Section 7002), and FLISA represents about 200 districts and 900,000 children that have federally owned land within their boundaries.
11. FLISA is part of the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools. NAFIS also includes Mid-to-Low LOT Schools (MTLS), Military Impacted Schools Association (MISA) and the National Indian Impacted Schools Association (NIISA).

Local Financial Implications

12. The Federal Impact Aid program has not been fully funded since 1969. 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.
13. 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.
14. When new lands are added by the federal government, 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.
15. The impact of lost federal funding will 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.

Why Our Children, Our Schools, and Our Taxpayers Need Federal Impact Aid

16. This is a critical revenue source for students and schools that is delivered and utilized efficiently and controlled locally.
17. Our communities rely on Federal Impact Aid to provide essential instruction and services, as well as partially offset the loss of local property tax dollars. Our goal is to maintain educational services and avoid local tax increases.

Our Request for Your Support of Our Students and Section 7002 Schools

18. We are asking for the support of \$83.5 million in Section 7002 funding for FY27, an increase of \$3.5 million.
19. The Federal Impact Aid Program staff in Washington, DC are essential to the program's success.
20. For those not already a member, please consider joining the bipartisan Congressional Impact Aid Caucus for the 119th Congress. Please contact Jayson Schimmenti at jSchimmenti@nafisd.org to sign up or if you have any questions.
21. Please also consider supporting the bipartisan and bicameral [Advancing Toward Impact Aid Full Funding Act](#).

Updated 2-27-26

HILL MEETING TIP SHEET

Your goal is to become a trusted resource for your Member of Congress and their staff, and to develop a strong supporter of Impact Aid.

PREPARING FOR THE MEETING

Use the NAFIS website, nafisd.org, to increase your familiarity with Impact Aid.

Do your homework by identifying your Member of Congress:

- Committee Membership
- Impact Aid Caucus Membership
- Recent local newspaper articles
- Recent press releases
- Policy interests
- Space on the political spectrum

Prepare an example of how Impact Aid is important for your school district.

Develop your message using the NAFIS Talking Points and Pitch Worksheet.

Identify a group leader and plan what each participant will contribute and when.

DURING THE MEETING

Make your ask, using the NAFIS Talking Points to tell your legislator what you want them to do.

- Tailor to the Member of Congress' role
- Tailor to your expertise

Take time to listen and give your Member of Congress and their staff the opportunity to respond.

- Ask, "How can we help you?"
- Ask, "What is your boss's position?"

Be nonpartisan and stay positive.

Share your stories and connect them to the interests of your Member of Congress. Be yourself and bring your passion.

Be helpful and offer to get back to the Member of Congress if you don't have the answer to a question.

AFTER THE MEETING

Follow up on any promises made - unanswered questions, statistics, resources, etc.

Use social media to thank your Congressperson for meeting with you and for their support for Impact Aid

- Take photos at your meetings and share them on social media, tagging the Member of Congress you met with or whose staff you met with
- Write a brief article for your school district website and share that as well
- Include @NAFISschools and #ImpactAid so we can amplify your message

Send a "Thank You" email

- Let the person you met with know you appreciate their time and support
- Reiterate any talking points if necessary
- If the Member of Congress is not on the Impact Aid Caucus, remind them to join by sending an email to jSchimmenti@nafisd.org
- Invite them to visit your school district

Remember, advocacy is a long-term process - the meeting is only the first step!

Keep NAFIS updated on your Impact Aid advocacy throughout the year.



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