

Advancing Toward Impact Aid Full Funding Act



Representatives Mike Levin (D-CA) and Don Young (R-AK) introduced the *Advancing Toward Impact Aid Full Funding Act* to fully fund Impact Aid and support national K-12 education.

➤ Background

Federal land—such as military installations, Indian treaty, trust or Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act land, and federal properties and facilities—are tax exempt. Most public school districts rely on local taxes and fees for funding. Thus, public school districts containing federal property have significantly less tax revenue to meet school districts' needs.

In 1950, Congress created Impact Aid to provide federal support for public school districts where federal activity has reduced the available tax base. Impact Aid provides payments in lieu of taxes for schools to use for instructional materials, technology, staffing, and other educational needs.¹

Impact Aid supports more than 1,100 school districts and over 10 million students. Despite national dependency, Congress has not fully funded Impact Aid since 1969. Impact Aid is also the only K-12 federal education program that is not forward funded, so any delay in appropriations inhibits schools from covering day-to-day operations.²

Funding Impact Aid directly impacts schools. Federal payments benefit school districts and are flexible to student needs. This bill would provide necessary funding for disadvantaged schools.

➤ Legislation

The *Advancing Toward Impact Aid Full Funding Act* introduces a five-year plan to fund Impact Aid and would do the following:

- Split Impact Aid's \$1.1 billion request evenly over five years, across three main categories for funding: Basic Support, Federal Property, and Children with Disabilities.
- Increase Basic Support funding by \$190 million annually, meeting Impact Aid's 2019 funding requests.
- Increase Federal Property funding proportionally to Basic Support by allocating an additional \$11 million annually.
- Increase funding for Children with Disabilities by \$9 million annually, funding \$2,000 per eligible student.
- Advance national K-12 school systems to become more equitable and meet educational needs.
- Support military families and Native American communities that are especially impacted by federally tax-exempt land.

➤ Endorsements

National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS), National Education Association (NEA), Blue Star Families, Military Child Education Coalition, Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS), Service Women's Action Network, National Military Family Association, Fleet Reserve Association, The Enlisted Association (TREA), Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Rebuild America's Schools, EDGE Consulting Partners, AASA The School Superintendents Association, American Federation of School Administrators, National Association of Secondary School Principals, National Math and Science Initiative, National Disability Rights Network, Council of Administrators of Special Education, San Diego Unified School District, National Rural Education Advocacy Consortium, Mid-to-Low LOT Schools, Organizations Concerned about Rural Education (OCRE), the National Indian Education Association, Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association, Military Impacted Schools Association, and National Indian Impacted Schools Association.

¹ National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS), <https://www.nafisdc.org/impact-aid-resources/about-impact-aid/>

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