

MEET THE NAFIS SUBGROUPS

The National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) serves as an umbrella organization for four subgroups that all support and advocate for the Impact Aid program. NAFIS members may be represented by one, two, three or all of the subgroups. These subgroups hold meetings throughout the year and at NAFIS conferences where members conduct business and network. The subgroups organize advocacy work, share information with members and provide a place for the discussion of like-minded Impact Aid recipients.

Federal Lands Impacted
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FEDERAL LANDS IMPACTED SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION

FLISA advocates on behalf of school districts receiving Impact Aid Section 7002 Federal Property funds. These districts, which serve nearly 900,000 students, have a significant portion of federally owned land within their boundaries – at least 10% of the assessed value of the district's land has been removed from the tax rolls by the federal government since 1938 and no longer generates revenue for schools. Section 7002 reimburses school districts for the lost tax revenue. FLISA works to strengthen and protect this section of Impact Aid as well as the program overall.

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LEARNING OPPORTUNITY IMPACTED SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION

LO~ISA represents school districts with a Learning Opportunity Threshold (LOT) of 50% or less. LOT is a needs-based proration formula. Congress developed this formula to allocate Impact Aid Section 7003 Basic Support funds when they are insufficient to fully fund the program. Each district has a LOT percentage. It is determined by adding the percentage of federal students in the district with the percentage that the maximum Impact Aid payment is of the district's total current expenditures (TCE). Approximately 86% of federally connected students attend a LO~ISA district. The organization works to increase Impact Aid funding and build congressional support for the program.

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MILITARY IMPACTED SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION

MISA is a national organization that serves school districts with a high concentration of military-connected children. It works on legislation, partnerships and programs to ensure these children get a quality education. MISA advocates for increased Impact Aid funding for the U.S. Department of Education, as well as U.S. Department of Defense Impact Aid funding and resources for school construction. MISA also works with member school districts and commanders to highlight best practices and partnerships that can further meet the needs of mobile military families.

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NATIONAL INDIAN IMPACTED SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION

NISA represents and advocates on behalf of nearly 600 Indian land school districts serving over a million students. Eligible districts receive Impact Aid as compensation for federal action to establish Indian treaty lands, Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act lands and federal trust lands. NISA seeks full funding for the Impact Aid program and is working with the Impact Aid Coalitions in the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate to address the backlog of facility needs in impacted districts.

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