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Dear Military Families,

Impact Aid is a Federal Government's reimbursement to school districts for the presence of nontaxable federal property, (i.e. military installations, Indian Lands, Federal low rent housing, national laboratories, and grasslands) and federal connected students. The program is designed to assist local school districts having lost property tax revenue due to the presence of tax-exempt federal property, or have experienced increased expenditures due to the enrollment of federally connected students.

Each year, school districts conduct a census of federally connected students. Parents are being asked to complete a Federal Impact Aid Card for each child enrolled in the public school system. Information compiled from these forms will assist in determining the district's allotment of Federal Impact Aid. It is critical the forms are signed, dated and returned in the timeframe requested by the school district.

The cost of education increases yearly. Funding appropriated annually by Congress goes directly to school districts and can be used for any general fund purpose, including academic materials, technology, staff or transportation, supporting all students. Failure to sign and return the form results in the school districts not receiving their correct allotments, and consequently impacts the quality of education.

The goal of the Impact Aid program is to provide quality education to all affected children. I appreciate your continued efforts in supporting our local school districts and strongly encourage you to continue showing your support by completing and returning the Federal Impact Aid Card.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Pence", is written over a large, stylized, looped signature graphic.

Scott Pence
Colonel, U.S. Army
Garrison Commander

Lee County Schools will teach each student the social and academic skills needed to become a responsible and productive citizen.

October 27, 2020

To: Parents/Guardians of Students at Lee County Schools:

A Federal funding opportunity called Impact Aid is designed to assist local school districts that have lost tax revenue due to the presence of tax-exempt federal property or experienced increased expenditures due to the enrollment of federally connected children. Eligibility for funding is determined each school year through the Federal Impact Aid Survey Form. Additionally, Lee County Schools has combined the Impact Ad Survey with the Every Student Succeeds Act Military Student Identifier Form.

To qualify for Impact Aid funding, we must have a completed form for each federally connected student. **To ensure we reach all eligible families, we sent a form home with each child within Lee County Schools.**

- If you are a parent, step-parent, or guardian **currently serving in the military or are a veteran of military service**, please fill out SECTION 1 and SECTION 2, sign, date, and return the survey to your child's school. Students **DO NOT** have to reside with the military-connected parent.
- If you are a parent, step-parent, or guardian **living with a student and work on federal property** in the state of North Carolina, please complete SECTION 1 and SECTION 3, sign, date, and return the survey to your child's school. Students of parents working on federal property **MUST** reside with the parent to be eligible.
- If you are an **accredited foreign government official or a foreign military officer**, please complete SECTION 2 and SECTION 4, sign, date, and return the survey to your child's school
- If you are **not in the military and are not employed on Federal property**, you do not have to return the form.
- **PLEASE NOTE-In SECTION 2, under Military Status, if you checked you are Active Reserves (AGR) or Active National Guard (AGR), please provide a copy of your orders.**

All of the survey forms will be treated as confidential information and will be used for no other purpose than stated here. Forms are maintained the Central Office and only total numbers of federally connected students are reported to the Department of Education. Personal information collected on the forms never leaves the district.

Please complete and return the attached form to your school by Thursday, November 5, 2020.

If you have any questions or need help in completing the attached form, please do not hesitate to contact me at jwaller@lee.k12.nc.us or calling 919-774-6226. For more information about Impact Aid, visit the Lee County Schools website at www.lee.k12.nc.us, Auxiliary Services, Impact Aid.

We appreciate your cooperation and assistance in supporting the work of Lee County Schools. Together we can continue to prepare children for successful futures.

Sincerely,

Johnnye T. Waller, Ed.D.
Assistant Superintendent Auxiliary Services

Impact Aid FAQs

What is Impact Aid?

Federal impact aid is a Department of Education initiative and is available to help school districts handle the cost of educating federally connected children, such as military and Native American students, as well as the families of Department of Defense and installation employees.

How does it help my student?

Lee County Schools receives federal aid based on the total number of impacted students. Additional funding is also available to the school system based on impact aid percentages. For example, if we have a school with 10% or more military students, Lee County Schools could be eligible to apply for DODEA Grants designed to assist our military families.

Is this supported by Fort Bragg?

Yes. Impact Aid is a federal initiative that is supported by the Fort Bragg Garrison Command, USASOC, JSOC, FORSCOM, XVIII Airborne Corps, and Pope Army Airfield.

Does this violate OPSEC requirements?

No. Impact Aid forms do not collect unit-specific information or personal details for military personnel beyond what is already included in your student's enrollment paperwork. The only additional information collected is the service member's grade and rank.

What happens to my form after it is submitted?

Forms are collected at each school by a designated Impact Aid Representative. All completed forms are consolidated at the district office by the Auxiliary Services Department. The Assistant Superintendent Auxiliary Services and the administrative assistants are the only individuals with access to the forms once the survey is complete.

Forms are NOT sent to the Department of Defense. Lee County Schools only submits total numbers of federally connected students on its application. Personal information about students or the service member is NOT included.

Do I need to submit a form for each of my children?

Yes. Impact Aid is based on total student forms from each school and does not allow us to consolidate families on one application.

What happens if I don't submit a form?

While there are no repercussions for not submitting a form, limited forms reduce Lee County School's ability to seek additional federal funding for programs designed to support military students.

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