

Browning Public Schools
Board Agenda Request
Meeting to Be Held: 5/30/18



Recognition: Students Staff Parents
Information: Building Report Old Business Superintendent's Report
Action: Resignation Hiring Contract Service Agreements
 Travel Out-of-State Travel In State Approvals
 Termination Legal Matters Other:
 This action request pertains to Elementary (only) High School/District Wide

Date: 5/23/18

To: **Board of Trustees**
 Browning Public Schools

From: Corrina Guardipee-Hall
Title: Superintendent

Subject: **NAFIS Membership Dues 2018-2019**

Description: Continued membership with the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools is recommended as it greatly affects the Impact Aid funds received by the Browning School District.

Financial Impact: **\$15,022.00** (Elem \$11,266.50; HS \$3,755.50)

Funding Source (Budget/grant, etc.): School Board Membership Dues

Attachment(s): Invoice

Approval: Superintendent's Office/Finance/Personnel as applicable (Initial) _____

Comments: _____

Board Action: N/A (Info) Approved Denied Tabled to: _____



National Association of Federally Impacted Schools

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May 18, 2018

Corrina Guardipee-Hall, Supt.
Browning Elementary & High School Districts #9
P.O. Box 610
Browning, MT 59417

Dear Corrina:

As President of the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS), I am writing to encourage you to renew your NAFIS membership for the 2018-2019 membership year. NAFIS dues are a priority for my school district, and I hope they are for yours as well.

Suffice it to say, this past membership year has been an interesting one for Impact Aid, proving the importance of our collective voices supported by a national membership organization. We started the year focused on infrastructure with the release of the NAFIS report, *Foundations for Learning: The Facilities Needs of Federally Impacted Schools*. We are ending it focused on defeating legislation that would re-purpose Impact Aid into a private school voucher. In between, we secured an increase in Impact Aid funding.

Together we successfully advocated for a sizeable increase for FY18 Impact Aid funding—the third year in a row Impact Aid received an increase. After we departed the NAFIS Spring Conference, Congress appropriated \$81 million for Basic Support and \$4.5 million for Federal Properties above FY17 funding levels. The increase in Basic Support helps alleviate the downward pressure on the LOT payout, and the Federal Properties increase will ensure resources are allocated to all schools based on the new formula.

Throughout the year, the NAFIS Family has opposed the most significant attack on the Impact Aid program in recent memory. Legislation is moving through Congress that would re-purpose Impact Aid into a private school voucher for some military connected students. This legislation fundamentally ignores and undermines the Federal government's responsibility to provide funds to school districts whose ability to generate local revenue is limited by the presence of nontaxable Federal property. NAFIS has led the efforts to defeat this legislation, working closely with numerous education and military serving organizations, the NAFIS subgroups, and congressional champions. This voucher proposal will follow us into the next membership year.

More than 200 NAFIS members responded to a NAFIS survey on the infrastructure needs of federally impacted school districts. We learned that their most pressing construction needs total more than \$4.2 billion in projects. NAFIS shared this information with Congress and the Administration, positioning Impact Aid construction as an issue if an infrastructure bill should gain momentum.

THE NAFIS FAMILY

MISA

Military Impacted
Schools Association

NIISA

National Indian Impacted
Schools Association

FLISA

Federal Lands Impacted
Schools Association

MTLLS

Mid-to-Low-LOT
Schools

Throughout these successes and challenges, I am most proud of the NAFIS Family. Collectively, whether our school districts are military connected, educate students living on Indian Lands, are 100 percent LOT or Low LOT, or are impacted by federal properties, we have banded together.

I am also thankful that we have the NAFIS organization with the NAFIS staff leading the way. We are fortunate to have a strong team of professionals advocating for Impact Aid on a daily basis and mobilizing the NAFIS Family at the appropriate moments.

During the year, NAFIS hosted two national conferences and the Federal Relations Outreach (FRO) meeting. NAFIS worked throughout the year with national and local media to promote the Impact Aid message, including placing op-eds. The *Faces of Impact Aid* campaign has become an integral vehicle in telling the Impact Aid story. In addition to keeping up to date with the latest Impact Aid information through the highly valued weekly *NAFIS News* and bi-monthly *IMPACT* newsletters, I hope you have had a chance to participate in one of NAFIS' many webinars this year. No other organization provides its members with quality information about Impact Aid as timely as NAFIS.

NAFIS also maintained its presence through leadership positions with national coalitions, including the Committee for Education Funding, the Organizations Concerned about Rural Education, the National Coalition for Technology in Education and Training, and Rebuild America's Schools. NAFIS exhibited at the AASA: The School Superintendents Association's national conference, and NAFIS staff regularly work with leading organizations representing military and Native American students. These partnerships ensure the Impact Aid message is delivered to a wide audience of stakeholders.

NAFIS staff work for your district every day, attending meetings on Capitol Hill and responding to member requests for assistance. These requests range from Impact Aid funding estimates for individual school districts to help connecting with Federal officials.

As we look to the upcoming membership year, Impact Aid vouchers will still be on the docket, and defending Impact Aid will continue to be a priority, as will increasing its funding. There is also an election on the horizon, which means there will be new members of Congress to educate about Impact Aid. The last thing you should do is let your NAFIS membership lapse.

Just as running a school district requires funding, so does running NAFIS. The NAFIS dues rate has not increased for close to 20 years. We cannot continue to advocate effectively for federally impacted school districts without your continued engagement and support. Please mail your NAFIS membership renewal today. Feel free to contact NAFIS staff anytime at 202-624-5455, and if you have questions regarding your invoice, contact Lynn Watkins at lynn@nafisdc.org.

Sincerely,



James Sarruda
President
National Association of Federally Impacted Schools



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERALLY IMPACTED SCHOOLS

- 2018-2019 MEMBERSHIP DUES INVOICE -

MEMBERSHIP PERIOD: JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019

DATE: May 18, 2018

Account #: 360812

Your P.O. #: _____

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Please review the information above and make corrections as needed.

NAFIS MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:

- NAFIS is your legislative advocate. NAFIS staff engage daily in policy advocacy to ensure the Impact Aid community's voice is heard in Congress and the Administration. Advocating for Impact Aid funding is what NAFIS does best.
- A yearly subscription to the NAFIS bi-monthly newsletter "IMPACT" and the weekly newsletter "NAFIS News." Both newsletters will keep your school district up to date on all Congressional and Administration Impact Aid activities.
- Access to Impact Aid experts to help you with budget projections, connect with U.S. Department of Education staff and, get answers to your questions about your Impact Aid payments.
- Vote, and have your voice count in association matters. Hold an official position in the NAFIS organization and help foster the policies and direction of NAFIS.
- Keep your Impact Aid skills finely tuned by attending national conferences, workshops and webinars. Substantial discounts for each person attending NAFIS conferences.
- NAFIS membership entitles your district to the benefits of the NAFIS foundation, the Federally Impacted Schools Educational Foundation (FISEF). FISEF workshops educate attendees on completing the Impact Aid application. NAFIS members are eligible to apply for a FISEF "Good Idea Grant" of up to \$3,000.

NAFIS membership dues are 0.0014 percent of your district's Impact Aid payment - Section 7002 FY 2016 and Section 7003 FY 2016 - or \$350.00, whichever is GREATER.

Your district's membership dues for the current membership period: \$ 15,022.00

CONTACT INFORMATION: Please list up to (3) individuals to receive NAFIS communications.

NOTE: **NAFIS newsletters are delivered by email ONLY**

Check one to be the primary contact:

[] SUPERINTENDENT: _____ ****EMAIL:** _____

[] CONTACT: _____ TITLE: _____ ****EMAIL:** _____

[] CONTACT: _____ TITLE: _____ ****EMAIL:** _____

DISTRICT WEBSITE ADDRESS: _____ DISTRICT PHONE NUMBER: () _____ - _____

*** Return this form to NAFIS with your membership check payable to NAFIS.**

**Remit to: NAFIS
P.O. Box 17579
Baltimore, MD 21297-1579**

Contact Lynn Watkins for assistance at lynn@nafisdc.org. Phone: (202) 624-5455 – Fax: (202) 624-5468

Thank You!

Determination of NAFIS Dues for the 2018-2019 Membership Year

Section 7003 dues are based on FY 2016 Impact Aid payment

Section 7002 dues are based on FY 2016 Impact Aid payment

1. Membership dues are based upon a calculation that multiplies 0.0014 by the Impact Aid payment (Basic Support; Disability; Federal Property) that a school district received for the most recent fiscal year for which final payments have been made or \$350, whichever is greater.

Example: Total Impact Aid payment is \$1,000,000 x 0.0014 = \$1,400 dues payment

2. For any amount a school district receives exceeding \$7 million, the dues for receipts above \$7 million will be calculated at one-hundredth of one percent (0.0001 of 1%).

Example: Total Impact Aid payment received is \$10,000,000

Step 1 - $\$7,000,000 \times 0.0014 = \$ 9,800$

Step 2 - $\$3,000,000 \times 0.0001 = \$ \underline{300}$

Total Amount of dues \$10,100

3. Districts in equalized states will have only those Impact Aid funds exempt from State equalization counted toward their membership calculation.

Applies only to New Mexico, Alaska and Kansas.