

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**

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From: Commander, Navy Region Southeast

To: Military and Civilian Families of Navy Region Southeast

Subj: EDUCATION FOR OUR CHILDREN THROUGH FEDERAL IMPACT AID

- 1. A quality education is one of the greatest gifts we can give our children. Your active support of their education is equally important. When your child witnesses the value you place on education, it becomes important to them. The Impact Aid Program (IAP) presents a unique and meaningful opportunity for you to actively take part in your child's education.
- 2. Through the passage of the Impact Aid law in 1950, IAP is designed to directly compensate local school districts for: (1) local tax revenue lost due to the presence of federally owned, and therefore tax-exempt, property and (2) costs incurred due to "federally connected" students, such as the children of armed services personnel working at a nearby military installation. Unlike most other forms of education assistance, Impact Aid disburses roughly \$1.3 billion annually in unrestricted federal funds directly to local school districts throughout the United States rather than through state agencies.
- 3. Our school districts face special challenges they must provide a quality education to all children, meet the requirements of the "Every Student Succeeds Act," and operate with less locally-generated tax revenue.
- 4. In October, your child will bring home a Federal Impact Aid Survey Card. Your active participation in responding to this survey ensures that our school districts meet the maximum amount of unrestricted federal funding. However, failure to participate could result in the loss of millions of federal dollars that would otherwise benefit our local schools and your child's education.
- 5. Your participation directly contributes to our school district's ability to receive unrestricted federal funds and prepare our children for a successful future. Please help us by completing and returning the Federal Impact Aid Survey Card to your child's school. Thank you in advance for your participation.