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CHILDREN

2021 Update on MISA & Impact Aid

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Military Impacted Schools Association (MISA)



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- Formed in 1986
- Superintendents and Boards of Education of heavily impacted public-school districts
- Represent over 150,000 military-connected children in the United States

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Mission

- Impact Aid Funding
- Legislation
- Partnerships
- Programs for military families

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Two Types of Impact Aid

- Through Department of Education
 - districts serving military children
 - districts serving Indian lands
 - districts containing low rent housing
 - districts containing Federal property

2019 Impact Aid Appropriation= \$1,446,112,000

- Through Department of Defense
 - Only districts serving military children
- 2020 Impact Aid Appropriation= \$50M & \$20M for Severe Special Needs Children

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Dept of Education Impact Aid

- Created in 1950
- In-lieu of tax (federal government basically pays its “property taxes”) to local school districts
- Funds go into general fund

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DoE Impact Aid

- Since 1970 the program has faced severe cuts and is currently funded at 60% of need, as defined by law.
- Impact Aid is the only DoE program not forward funded.

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Qualifying for DoE Impact Aid

- School district must have
 - 400 federally-connected students **or**
 - 3% of children must be federally-connected

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Dept of Defense Impact Aid

- Created in 1991 to help school districts with high concentrations of military-connected students.
- Must be authorized and appropriated each year—no guarantees.

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DoD Impact Aid

Qualifying

- 20% of school district enrollment must be military-connected children (120 school districts receive funds)

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How you can help?

- ✓ Explain the significance of Impact Aid funding to parents and community members
- ✓ Ensure that the military leadership on the installation understands the significance of the parent-student survey conducted each year or the use of source check.

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MISA-MIC3 Partnership

- ❖ Since 2017 (5th MoU)
- ❖ Purpose: Educate and inform district and school personnel
- ❖ No-cost: districts host, MIC3 provides training

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