



STAFFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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September 30, 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Each year, the presence of federal activity in Virginia affects the Stafford County Public Schools operating budget. Due to the large federal presence and the tax exemptions that these federally connected personnel, property businesses, and government agencies qualify for, our school division qualifies for federal Impact Aid funds (P.L. 89-10 as amended by No Child Left Behind; 20 U.S. Code § 7701-7714; 34 CFR 222). Since 1950, Congress has provided financial assistance to local school districts through the Impact Aid Program. Your assistance is needed in identifying students with federal connections that qualify for the Impact Aid federal grant program.

On the reverse side of this letter is the Impact Aid Survey Form. Please complete and sign the Survey for **each** child in your household and return it to your child's school as follows:

Section 1: Student Information

Complete all requested student information. Use one form for each student.

Section 2: Parent/Guardian Employment Information: Civilian

Complete all requested information if the parent/guardian works on federal property or military installation.

Note: Employer and work location addresses **must include street number, street name, city, state, zip code and name and complete address of federal property. Building number or mail stop number are acceptable.**

*If you do not know the full work address ask your employer or contact your installation's School Liaison. If you need assistance please call your School Liaison at MCB Quantico - Phone (703) 784-4729 or Ft. Belvoir – Phone (703) 805-9119.

Section 3: Parent/Guardian Employment Information: Uniformed Services

Complete all requested information if the parent/guardian was an active duty U.S. Service Member or a Reserve or National Guard member on activated orders on September 30, 2016.

Section 4: Parent/Guardian Employment Information: Foreign Military

Complete all requested information if the parent/guardian was serving as an official government military officer in a foreign military.

Sign and Date the form. Return to your child's school.

All information that you provide on the Survey will be treated confidentially. It is extremely important that we receive a survey form for every student in our school system. The U.S. Department of Education requires that survey forms be signed and dated by the parent/guardian to be eligible to receive funds based on the information you supply.

To help you better understand Impact Aid, the following information is provided:

- The purpose of the Impact Aid program is to compensate local education agencies for lost local revenue due to tax-exempt federal property and increased expenditures for federally connected children. Payments are determined by formulas specified in the law and annual appropriation amounts.
- Federally connected children are those who reside on Indian lands, military bases, low-rent housing and other Federal properties, or who have parents in the uniformed services or employed on eligible Federal properties **on the survey date (September 30, 2016).**
- By filling out the annual Impact Aid survey and returning it to your school district, we can determine how many students qualify for the grant so the Federal Government can distribute the proper amount of money to Stafford County Public Schools. The data gathered is recorded as the number of parents who meet the required criteria. No personal information such as name, address or place of employment is reported in the grant application.
- Impact Aid money can be used for a variety of expenses to improve the quality of your child's education. Most Impact Aid funds are considered general aid to the recipient school districts; these districts may use the funds in whatever manner they choose in accordance with their local and State requirements. Payments for Children with Disabilities must be spent on additional programs and services for children with disabilities.

If you have any questions or would like more information on Impact Aid, please visit the U.S. Department of Education website at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oese/impactaid/index.html>, or contact Jennifer Gallahan in the Department of Financial Services at (540) 658-6580.

Sincerely,

Chris Fulmer

Director of Finance and Accounting
Department of Financial Services