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From: Commander, Navy Region SoutheastTo: Military and Civilian Families of Navy Region Southeast

Subj: FEDERAL IMPACT AID FOR YOUR CHILDREN AND THEIR EDUCATION

1. A quality education is one of the greatest life skills that children can receive. 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 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 educational assistance, Impact Aid disburses roughly \$1.5 billion, annually, in unrestricted federal funds directly to local school districts, 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 "Every Student Succeeds Act" (ESSA), and operate with less locally generated tax revenue. Federal Impact causes a loss of taxable revenues for schools and enrollment of federally connected youth in the community results in loss of funds. The IAP provides school districts a better way to provide the resources to overcome those challenges. Through the completion of the Federal Impact Aid Survey Card, families can help level the playing field for federally impacted schools.

4. This school year, your child will receive a Federal Impact Aid Survey Card. Your active participation in responding to this survey ensures that our school districts receive the maximum amount of funding. However, failure to participate could result in the loss of millions of federal dollars that would otherwise benefit your child's education. Impact Aid funds support numerous education related needs. This can include additional payments for students with disabilities, teacher salaries, construction costs, textbooks, technology, tutoring, advanced placement courses, and after school enrichment programs.

5. When completing your impact aid form, please fill it out completely: This includes the student's home address, the name of the military installation, and the name, rank and branch of the service member. Please use the correct pay rank, such as E-3, CWO2, or O4 to help with ease of processing by the local school district. Be sure to sign and date the form. A completed form is required for each child registered in the district. The information gathered is only used for the purpose of submitting the application.

The application is covered under the district's student privacy policy, as well as federal and state laws protecting family and student privacy.

6. If you live and/or work on federal property, such as a military installation, and have a child in school, please complete the Federal Impact Aid Survey Card. Your participation directly contributes to your school's ability to receive unrestricted federal funds and prepare your children for a successful future.

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