



Indian Impact Schools of Montana

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Greetings to Impacted School Districts of Montana;

I would gladly encourage your school district[s] to renew its 2021-2022 membership in the Indian Impacted Schools of Montana (IISM). For those school districts who are not current members, I ask that you seriously consider joining the IISM family!

On behalf of the board, we wish to extend a huge “thank you” for our existing members and your on-going support and commitment to the organization. We find that strength in numbers lends great credibility to the organization as a whole and gives significance to the services provided to the IISM membership.

In the current times and uncertainty in Washington, D.C., IISM will remain steadfast in advocating for all Impact Aid Schools on your behalf. The level of advocacy and networking with fellow educational organizations gives IISM a much greater position of recognition. Please keep in mind that IISM is your organization and we are eager to hear from and take direction from its members.

The current IISM board is highly interactive, professional, and invested in all Impact Aid schools across the nation. Our common theme is collaboration and we continue to work towards providing a valued input into the Impact Aid Program, which works to benefit our members.

The greatest value of IISM membership is advocacy on your school’s behalf. We also offer direct, expert feedback and review of Impact Aid applications and questions. The organization maintains direct, professional ties with fellow national organizations that focus on all our Impact Aid children, as well as being your voice with congressional staff/policymakers that determine funding and have oversight of the Impact Aid Program.

As president, I truly hope that you will maintain membership in your organization and extend an invitation to any Impact Aid schools currently not members or may have lapsed membership to consider joining IISM. Through its membership IISM will maintain prosperity and only grow as a positive advocate on behalf of all our schools and the children we serve. If you have any questions regarding the value of IISM membership, myself, Voyd St. Pierre – past president, or any other board member and we would be glad to share the resources and advantages of IISM membership.

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What IISM & NIISA Can Do for You

If You Are A Parent...

IISM can provide you with information about the Impact Aid program, legislation, and the history of the program that you can share with other parents, administrators, Tribal Council members, and Trustees in your school district

IISM can connect you with **NAFIS** and **NIISA** the national office's advocating on behalf of all federally Impacted Schools to include children residing on Indian Lands, military children, children residing in low-rent housing projects, and children whose parents are civilian but work and/or live on federal property

IISM can connect you to your Congressional Representatives and/or their staff in Washington, DC so that your voice is heard or discuss specific issues related to your school district and Impact Aid

IISM works to help ensure adequate funding for Impact Aid in Montana school districts, so that your child's education is the best possible

If You Are A School Board Member/Trustee...

IISM can provide you with information about the Impact Aid program, legislation, and the history of the program

IISM can connect you with **NAFIS**, & **NIISA**, The national office advocating on behalf of all federally Impacted Schools to include children residing on Indian Lands, military children, children residing in low-rent housing projects, and children whose parents are civilian but work and/or live on federal property. **NAFIS** maintains a full time professional staff under the leadership of a very experienced executive director

IISM can provide you with detailed information about impacted schools in your district

IISM can request assistance and professional development from state, federal, NIISA, and **NAFIS** staff to gain a better understanding of Impact Aid and what it does for your schools

IISM can provide you information to help your board make informed decisions based on the needs of your students, parents, communities, and schools

IISM can join you with your colleagues throughout Montana and help establish connections with fellow federally Impacted Schools across the nation who serve children residing on Indian Lands, military children, children residing in low-rent housing projects, and children whose parents are civilian but work and/or live on federal property

If You Are A School Board Member Or Administrator...

IISM can provide you with information to share with your staff, parents, community members, trustees, and tribal council about the Impact Aid program and its importance

IISM can assist and support you with the application process or provide guidance and connect you with the NAFIS and NIISA offices in Washington, DC, who can assist you in completing your Impact Aid application(s)

IISM can connect you to your Congressional Representatives and/or their staff so that you can effectively communicate the importance of Impact Aid in your district. **IISM** also

schedules visits to each congressional member's office for all those individuals attending the NAFIS each Fall and Spring, where face to face meetings occur
IISM works to advocate on your district's behalf to help ensure adequate funding for your district
IISM can connect you to your colleagues and to various resources for grants and other funding opportunities for your school district(s)