

May 4, 2018

Dear District Administrator:

On Friday, April 27, 2018, the U.S. Department of Education (ED) notified states of the Temporary Emergency Impact Aid, as appropriated by Congress in February 2018. The Emergency Impact Aid program will provide assistance to local educational agencies (LEAs) and non-public schools that have enrolled students displaced during the 2017-18 school year by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, or Maria or the 2017 California wildfires (“a covered disaster or emergency”).

Under the Emergency Impact Aid program, ED will award grants to eligible SEAs on the basis of quarterly counts of displaced students. SEAs will then provide payments to eligible LEAs to assist with the cost of educating students who were displaced by a covered disaster or emergency during the 2017-18 school year and who were enrolled in public schools, including charter schools, and non-public schools. The LEAs and Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) schools must submit applications to SEAs in order to be eligible.

This is a formula grant, and the aid, per student, is as follows:

- \$8,500 (students not having a disability and not English learner);
- \$9,000 (English learner); or
- \$10,000 (student with a disability).

The final award may be pro-rated if total requests exceed the \$2.5 billion appropriation.

BY STATUTE, THE DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR THESE FUNDS IS MAY 18, 2018.

PLEASE NOTE:

1. LEAs are not required to apply for these funds. Applying for these funds does not guarantee funding.
2. LEAs that receive Impact Aid Basic Support Payments may not include a child already counted in that formula towards displaced students generating Emergency Impact Aid.
3. Your application for Emergency Impact Aid for Displaced Students must be received by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) by May 18, 2018 as per Federal requirement. There will be a period in which LEA estimates can be corrected after May 18, 2018.
4. LEAs must maintain a list of students, along with relevant data, to be available for auditing purposes.
5. The DPI Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Ombudsman will provide non-public schools with notification of this application. The non-public schools will provide LEAs with the data necessary to complete the non-public portion of the application.
6. Data submitted in the application will also apply to the Assistance for Homeless Children and Youth program.

Directions below address key questions and assist in completing the short application:

QUESTION 1: Is my district serving potentially eligible students?

A student is eligible if he/she resided in a designated county seven days prior to a declaration of a major disaster. Refer to the person(s) in your district such as homeless liaisons, counselors, principals, etc. who know of students that moved from disaster areas. Find out each student's county of origin, then go to the designated Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) website to determine counties designated as part of the disaster.

1. Did the student reside in **CALIFORNIA** on October 3, 2017 but was displaced because of wildfires? If yes, go to [California Wildfires](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4344) to determine if he/she came from a designated county. <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4344>
2. Did the student reside in **TEXAS** on August 18, 2017 but was displaced because of Hurricane Harvey? If yes, go to [Texas Hurricane Harvey](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4332) to determine if he/she came from a designated county. <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4332>
3. Did the student reside in the **VIRGIN ISLANDS** on August 31, 2017 but was displaced because of Hurricane Irma? If yes, go to [Virgin Islands Hurricane Irma](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4335) to determine if he/she came from a designated county. <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4335>
4. Did the student reside in **PUERTO RICO** on September 3, 2017 but was displaced because of Hurricane Irma? If yes, go to [Puerto Rico Hurricane Irma](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4336) to determine if he/she came from a designated county. <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4336>
5. Did the Student reside in **FLORIDA** on September 3, 2017 but was displaced because of Hurricane Irma? If yes, go to [Florida Hurricane Irma](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4337) to determine if he/she came from a designated county. <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4337>
6. Did the student reside in **GEORGIA** on September 8, 2017 but was displaced because of Hurricane Irma? If yes, go to [Georgia Hurricane Irma](https://www.fema.gov/node/315396) to determine if he/she came from a designated county. <https://www.fema.gov/node/315396>
7. Did the student reside in **PUERTO RICO** on September 13, 2017 but was displaced because of Hurricane Maria? If yes, go to [Puerto Rico Hurricane Maria](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4339) to determine if he/she came from a designated county. <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4339>
8. Did the student reside in the **VIRGIN ISLANDS** on September 13, 2017 but was displaced because of Hurricane Maria? If yes, go to [Virgin Islands Hurricane Maria](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4340) to determine if he/she came from a designated county. <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4340>

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QUESTION 2: Were students that moved from qualifying disaster counties/states enrolled in my district on one or more of the following dates?

Quarter 1: October 1, 2017

Quarter 2: December 1, 2017

Quarter 3: February 1, 2018

Quarter 4: April 1, 2018

QUESTION 3: Which of these qualifying students are receiving special education services, are English learners, or are homeless?

Please visit <https://goo.gl/forms/Bt1n2GWqiPMScViI2> to submit an electronic application. Districts are encouraged to use the [PDF application](#) ahead of time to compile required data before completing the Google form. DPI will provide confirmation of submission.

For more information on hurricane and disaster relief programs authorized by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, please see the [“letter to states” document](#). For questions with the application, please contact Susan Piazza, Title I assistant director, at susan.piazza@dpi.wi.gov or (608) 266-2813 or visit <https://dpi.wi.gov/homeless/disasterrelief> for more information.

Sincerely,



Mike Thompson, PhD
Deputy State Superintendent

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Enclosure

c: District Homeless Liaison