



# Prince William County

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Each year, the presence of federal activity in Virginia affects Prince William County Schools' operating budget. I am requesting your assistance in identifying federally connected students for our Impact Aid federal grant program.

Impact Aid is a federal grant program designed to lessen the impact of federal activity on the operating budgets of local school districts. Under the provisions of Public Law 107-110, local school districts must submit requests for Impact Aid funds. The Student-Parent Survey is used to support our request for Impact Aid funds. Prince William County Schools received over \$948,155.44 last year from this grant program. The funds become part of the school system's general operating budget that supports activities for all students.

Local property taxes largely finance local school districts; however, active-duty military personnel, homes on federal property, and businesses and government agencies on federal property are exempt from some local and state taxes. Due to the large federal presence in Virginia, Prince William County Public Schools loses a portion of its operating revenues that would normally be generated through the collection of these taxes. Some federal agencies are located on eligible properties within Virginia even though their mailing addresses are Washington, D.C. A few examples include the Pentagon and its Annexes, CIA Headquarters in Langley/McLean, and Dulles and Reagan National Airports. Due to this, we ask parents to provide the street address of the building where they work.

Your support is needed in obtaining our share of federal Impact Aid funds. Please complete and sign a Student-Parent Survey for EACH child in your household and return it to your child's school. All information that you provide will be confidential.

If you need additional information, please call the Department of Financial Services at 703-791-8315.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools

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