

May 4, 2018

Dear Non-Public School Administrator:

On Friday, April 27, 2018, the U.S. Department of Education 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, the U.S. Department of Education 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).

In addition, the total amount of a payment on behalf of a displaced student enrolled in a non-public school may not exceed the lesser of the above per pupil amounts or the cost of tuition and fees (and transportation expenses, if any) at the non-public school for the 2017-18 school year.

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. Non-public schools are not required to apply for these funds. Applying for these funds does not guarantee funding.
2. Non-public schools 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 LEA 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. Non-public schools must maintain a list of students, along with relevant data, to be available for auditing purposes.
5. The parents of non-public school displaced students are to submit applications to the non-public school. This is the data that will be submitted to LEAs by the non-public school.
6. Non-public schools will provide LEAs with the data necessary to complete the non-public portion of the application.

7. If the LEA is unable to apply for these funds, the non-public school may submit parent applications and certification directly to DPI at dpititle1@dpi.wi.gov by May 18, 2018.

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

QUESTION 1: Is the non-public school 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 non-public school, such as 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>

QUESTION 2: Were students that moved from qualifying disaster counties/states enrolled in the non-public school 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 have families of displaced students complete the [Non-Public School Parent or Guardian Application](#). Any completed forms by parents/guardians must be attached to the [Non-Public School Certification Form](#) when submitted to the LEA.

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 essaombudsman@dpi.wi.gov or (608) 287-1224.

Sincerely,

Abigail Pavela
ESSA Ombudsman

Elementary and Secondary Education
 2018 Application by Parent or Guardian for
 Temporary Emergency Impact Aid on Behalf Of Students Displaced by
 Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, or the 2017 California Wildfires
 and Who Are Attending a Non-Public School

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

County: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name of Non-Public School: _____

School Street Address: _____

City: _____

County: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Name of the LEA (local school district) within whose boundaries this non-public school is located:

Names of children enrolled in this non-public school prior to February 9, 2018:
 (check one box for each child)

Student Name	Non-Special education, Non-English learner	English learner	Special Education

Certifications:

I request that the local educational agency named above make payments to Emergency Impact Aid Accounts on behalf of each of my children named above.

I certify that I enrolled my children named above in this non-public school prior to February 9, 2018 (the date of enactment of the law authorizing Emergency Impact Aid for Displaced Students).

I certify that my children named above, to the best of my knowledge and belief, were enrolled or were eligible to be enrolled in a school in an area for which the Federal Government later declared a major disaster or emergency related to Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, or 2017 California wildfires and, as a result, are displaced students.

Name of Parent/Guardian:

Signature:

Date:

**ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
CERTIFICATION BY NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FOR 2018 TEMPORARY EMERGENCY IMPACT AID FOR DISPLACED STUDENTS**

NAME OF SCHOOL :
STREET/P.O. BOX :
CITY :
COUNTY :
STATE & ZIP :

CONTACT PERSON NAME :
TITLE :
PHONE :
FAX :
E-MAIL :

Name of the local educational agency
within whose boundaries this non-public
school is located:

I certify that this school is a non-public school that meets the requirements of paragraph (b)(3) of the law governing Emergency Impact Aid .

I certify that the displaced students included in the count on the attached list were enrolled in this school on the designated count date.

I certify that payments to Emergency Impact Aid Accounts received from the local educational agency will be used by this school only for purposes described in sub-paragraph (e)(1) of the law governing Emergency Impact Aid.

I certify that I have received and read copies of [paragraph \(b\)\(3\) and sub-paragraph \(e\)\(1\) of the law governing Emergency Impact Aid.](#)

I certify that I am authorized to make the representations and commitments in this certification, for and on behalf of this school, and otherwise to act as this school's authorized representative in submitting this certification.

NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

SIGNATURE

DATE

Appendix: Definition of Displaced Student

Displaced student

The term "displaced student" means a student who enrolled in an elementary school or secondary school (other than the school that the student was enrolled in, or was eligible to be enrolled in, on the date that is one week prior to the date that the major disaster or emergency was declared for the area) because such student resides or resided on the date that is one week prior to the date that the major disaster or emergency was declared for the area, in an area for which a major disaster or emergency declared by the President in accordance with section 401 or 501, respectively, of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170), related to a covered disaster or emergency.

Section 107(b)(1) of Title IV of Division B of Public Law 109-148, as modified by Division B, Subdivision 1, Title VIII of P.L. 115-123, the "Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018."