Dear Military Families:

Children deserve the best in education. Impact Aid is a vital component of meeting the needs of all students, especially the mobile military ones. Our local schools could be eligible to receive over one million dollars in grant funds from the U.S. Department of Education by simply completing the Student-Parent Survey for federal Impact Aid.

Impact Aid was established in 1950, under Title VIII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, to provide a quality education in a safe environment. This program provides funding to assist school districts that lose revenue due to the presence of tax-free federal properties (i.e., military installations/housing, Native American lands, national parks) and to support the cost of educating federally connected students, whose parents live or work on federal properties. Districts may use this funding to hire more teachers, meet the unique needs of military children, support costs associated with increased mobility of students, and pay for curriculum and after-school enrichment programs designed to help our students.

It is extremely important to make sure your school district is not at a financial disadvantage. Completing and returning this form is vital because the information contained in the survey results in additional funding in school districts. If Families do not complete the federal form and return it to the district, the school system does not receive Impact Aid funding.

The Fort Benning Garrison Command would like every military Family who attends public schools to please do their part and return the survey form to their local school.

For additional information, contact the School Liaison Office, Child & Youth Services, Directorate of Family and MWR, at 706-545-3062.

Sincerely,

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