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Dear Parent or Guardian,

As the Joint Base Commander of Joint Base Lewis-McChord, I want to inform you that our school districts will be mailing home a *Federal Impact Aid Survey Form*. If you are a military member serving in Washington State or if you are a federal civilian working on Joint Base Lewis-McChord, your participation is critical. Completing and returning this survey is important because it allows the local school systems to receive federal aid based on the number of military children attending the school and thus directly impacts the quality of education your child receives. The funding associated with this program comes from the Department of Education and can only be applied to districts educating military or federal employee-related students. These forms are kept confidential and destroyed after validation through a federal audit of the district.

To get these federal grant dollars, the local school systems must conduct a "head count" of military children attending school each year. These dollars are used for a variety of school system expenses, including textbooks, athletic equipment, computers, school maintenance, repair, construction, bus operations, and employee salaries. In other words, this federal aid is meant to improve the educational experience of our children.

The survey will come to you on or around 1 October 2026 or you will receive an email requesting that you fill out the form electronically and return it for each child attending school. Please sign and return the form(s) to the school district as soon as possible.

Completing and returning this form is very important for the school system to receive the necessary funding to maintain and improve the quality of education for all students. Taking care of our family members is a top priority, and your cooperation supports this mission.

If you have any questions regarding the survey, please don't hesitate to contact the Joint Base Lewis-McChord School Support Services at 253-967-7195, 253-966-0440.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Handke", is positioned above the printed name.

Joseph L. Handke
Colonel, U.S. Army
Commanding