



# Superintendent's Weekly Update

Friday, September 28, 2018



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Executive Director



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# National Association of Federally Impacted Schools Conference

Thank you Sonya Samuels-Allen, Lapwai School District Board of Trustees Chair, for attending the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) Conference in Washington, D.C. with the Superintendent who also acts as Idaho State Chair of NAFIS.

Our visit included the opportunity to meet with Idaho's Congressional delegation and raise urgency for federal Impact Aid funding which is 31% of the Lapwai School District Budget.

Sonya did a phenomenal job explaining the importance of Impact Aid for Lapwai students and the resources and opportunities made possible by this critical funding. Our visit included representing all the federally connected schools in Idaho on Indian lands and military bases.

Thank you Sonya for your outstanding advocacy and big heart for Lapwai students!



Senator Risch



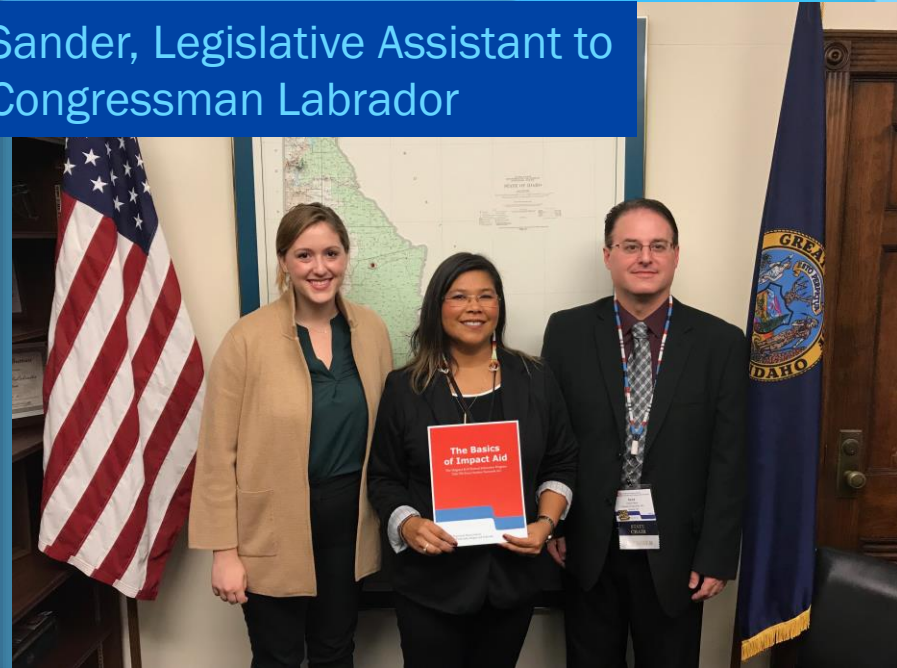
Congressman Simpson



Lauren Sander, Legislative Assistant to  
Congressman Labrador



Rebecca Alcorn and Kate Walker,  
Legislative Correspondents for  
Senator Crapo



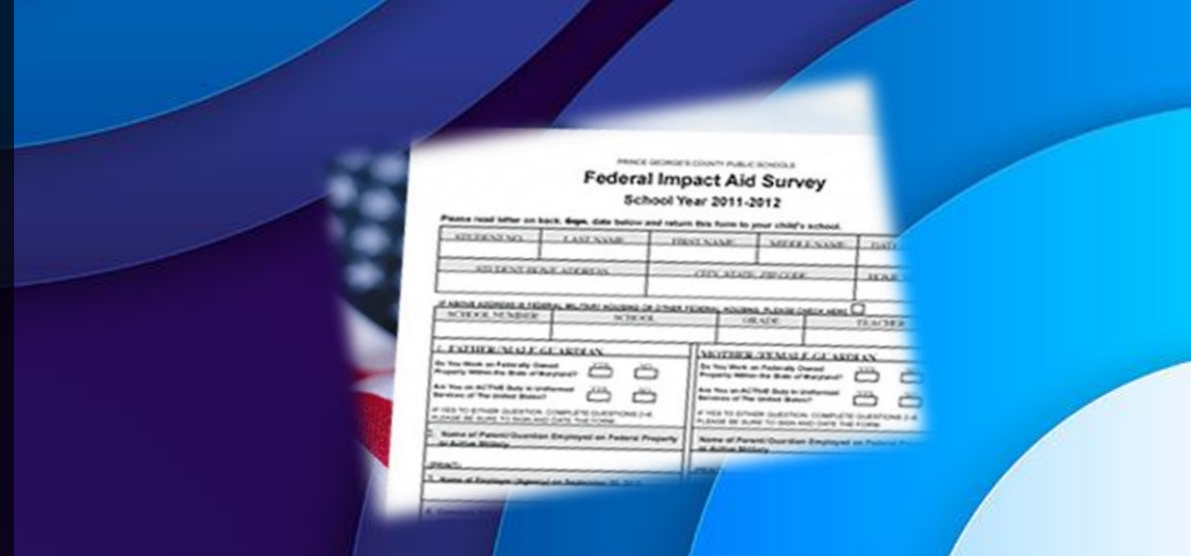
# Help Us Hold the Federal Government Accountable for Their Obligation to Lapwai Students

Our Impact Aid allocation is based on the number of children who live on trust property as well as parents who work on trust land.

Beginning in November parents will be requested to complete residency and employment surveys to ensure the highest Lapwai School District allocation for Impact Aid. Your responses assist us in holding the federal government accountable to following through on their promise of ensuring a fully funded and equitable education for our students.

Impact Aid is not fully funded by the United States Government. Your assistance in verification by completing the needed forms will help us hold them accountable to provide this funding obligation to all Lapwai students.

Together, we ensure all students will reach their full potential.



Impact Aid provides a reimbursement to more than 1,000 public school districts whose boundaries include federal property, such as military installations, Native American reservations, and national laboratories. The presence of nontaxable property limits the ability of school districts to generate sufficient tax revenue to support K-12 education. Impact Aid is not supplemental. These funds supplant the loss of local revenues that cannot otherwise be generated due to the presence of nontaxable Federal property. Additional investments in Impact Aid are critical to help school districts close achievement gaps, update technology, expand access to early childhood and afterschool programs, integrate culturally-relevant curriculum, replace failing infrastructure, and offer competitive salaries to recruit and retain the best teachers.



# 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Wildcat Scholars



5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers introduce incentives for positive behavior, regular & punctual attendance, and for being an engaged Lapwai Wildcat 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Learner



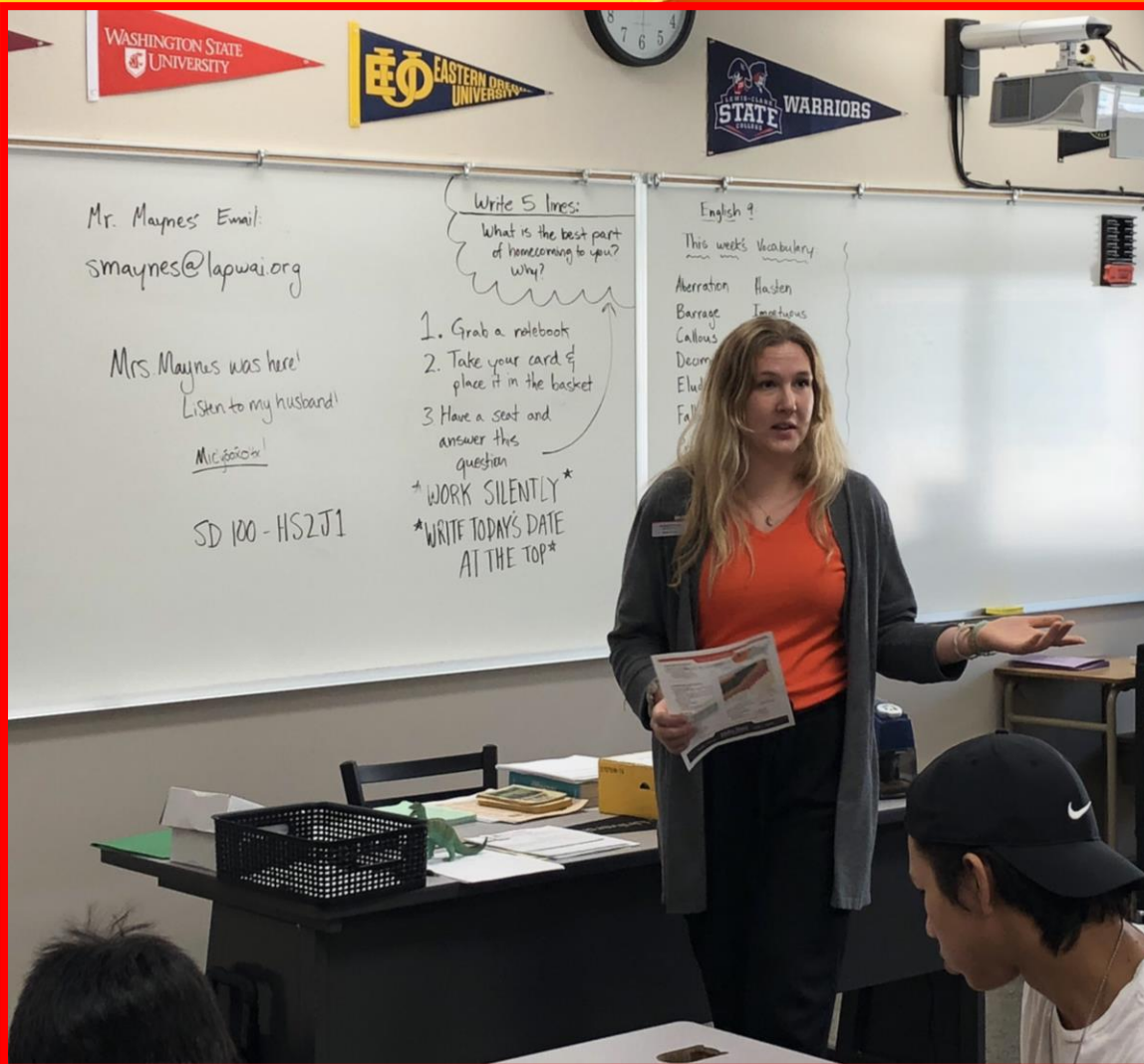
# Visit from Institute of American Indian Arts Introduction to College Studies

Mr. Maynes



# Visit from Idaho State University Introduction to College Studies

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# Lapwai Middle-High School Welcomes Back Chance Rush

Chance Rush is an enrolled member of the Three Affiliated Tribes (Hidatsa) of North Dakota. He serves as a consultant to tribes and organizations across the country in reference to business, community outreach, staff trainings, and curriculum development. Thank you for sharing your passion for strengthening Native communities with Lapwai students.

Qe'ciyew'yew' Joyce McFarland and the Nez Perce State Tribal Education Partnership for making Chance's school visit possible.





A Wildcat thank you to the Lapwai Booster Club, our parents, the Lapwai community, Nez Perce Tribal Police & Fire Management, and the Nez Perce Tribe Education Department for making Spirit Week and Homecoming such a fun, safe experience for our students!

See our Facebook page for more pictures: Lapwai School District #341

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Homecoming Bonfire: Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

Photograph by Angel Sobotta



Class of 2019

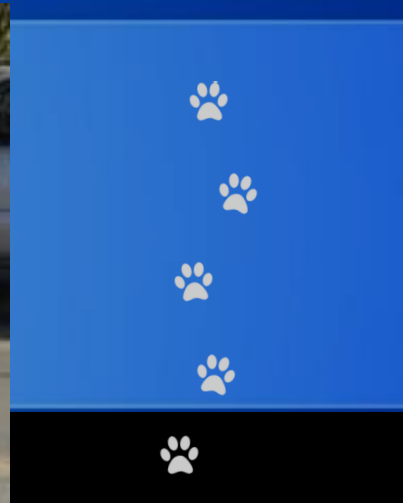






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