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Dear Military Families,

Each year our local school districts are required under Federal law to conduct a census of federally connected students. Parents will be asked to complete the census through an online link specific to each student or in paper form for each child enrolled in public schools. Information from these forms will determine the district's allotment of Federal Impact Aid.

The Federal Impact Aid Program provides funding for a portion of costs for educating children whose families live on military installations, Indian lands, and other Federal land, or whose parents are employed on Federal property. The El Paso Independent School District (EPISD) 2020 school year saw federally connected parents participate in this census at an 80% rate. That level of participation directly translated into EPISD receiving several million dollars in support. Inversely, every survey that goes without a parental response results in a direct loss of available funding.

Since 1950, Congress has provided financial assistance to local school districts. This program is designed to assist local school districts that have lost property tax revenue due to tax-exempt Federal property, or increased expenditures based upon enrollment of federally connected children.

Thank you in advance for completing the online form or signing and returning the attached form. We all want a quality education for our children and this will ensure our schools remain appropriately resourced to attain that goal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James A. Brady".

James A. Brady
Colonel, U.S. Army
Commanding

Enclosure