

As we approach the end of 2023, I would like to draw your attention to an important and time-sensitive matter that directly affects our school district and the funding we receive. Each November, school districts across the nation encourage parents/guardians to complete documents known as Federal Impact Cards.

The Federal Impact Card process is a vital one that significantly influences the level of federal funding that Bay District Schools receives. This funding is essential for various programs, resources, and initiatives that support our students' educational journey. It directly impacts our ability to provide the best possible education for our children.

This year, we are excited to announce that the Federal Impact Card process is now 100 percent online, making it more convenient and efficient for our parents and guardians. **The online submission window will open on November 6th and will remain accessible until December 31st.**

To complete the Federal Impact Card, all you need to do is access the BDS Online Federal Impact Survey through your Parent Portal accounts. This streamlined digital process will ensure that your information is submitted accurately and securely, contributing to a more straightforward and error-free data collection.

The data collected through the Federal Impact Cards plays a crucial role in determining the federal funds allocated to our district. These funds are used for various purposes, including improving our schools, supporting students with special needs, enhancing technology in the classroom, and much more. Your participation in this process is vital, as it directly impacts the resources and opportunities available to our students. You can read more about the Impact Aid process, and the acceptable use of funds generated, at

<https://oese.ed.gov/offices/office-of-formula-grants/impact-aid-program/>.

We understand that your time is precious, and we appreciate your commitment to the well-being and success of your children. Completing the Federal Impact Cards may not take long, but its impact on our schools is substantial. We encourage each and every parent or guardian to take a

few moments to complete the survey within the designated time frame. Should you have any questions or encounter any issues during the submission process, please don't hesitate to reach out to our dedicated support team for assistance. You can reach us at 850-767-4100 or via email at BDScomm@bay.k12.fl.us.

Thank you for being active and engaged members of our school community. Together, we can make a significant difference in the future of our students.