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To all Marine Corps and Navy personnel and families:

We have a responsibility to our children to provide each with maximum opportunities to learn. With the advancement of technology and science, our children must be afforded the highest quality of education that will not only allow them to compete in a global economy, but also thrive as global citizens.

As parents, you can support quality education in our public schools by fulfilling a simple task - completing and returning the Federal Impact Aid Program survey card distributed by your child's school. Federal Impact Aid is a program in which all schools in districts with a substantial federal government presence participate. The program is designed to directly compensate local school districts for: (1) local revenue lost due to the presence of federally owned, and therefore tax-exempt property and (2) costs incurred due to "federally connected" students, such as the children of armed services personnel working at a nearby military base. Unlike most other forms of educational assistance, impact aid disburses federal funds directly to local school districts rather than through state agencies.

Your child will be bringing home the Federal Impact Aid Program survey card from school in the beginning of school year 2013-2014. By investing a few minutes of your time to complete and return this card, you allow your school to accurately report the number of military dependents enrolled. This important data is the only way that our schools are able to qualify for Federal Impact Aid funding. Unfortunately, schools do not receive their full share of funding under this program due to non-return of many cards. Your help is needed in this area, especially given the cuts that the school districts will most likely face in light of federal sequestration.

Your involvement is the best way to ensure that our military-impacted public schools receive the appropriate amount of federal aid dollars in order to meet the educational needs of our students. Working together, we will ensure that our children are provided the highest quality of education available to them.

Sincerely,

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