

## Administrative Memo

**Date:** October 22, 2012  
**To:** School Administrators, Federal Sub grantees/Recipients, and Finance Staff  
**From:** Ron Lankford, Deputy Commissioner  
**Subject:** FAS-12-007, Impact Aid and Sequestration

Over the past few months, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has been providing updates on the potential impact of sequestration. This information has been relative to those programs overseen through the U.S. Department of Education which are generally *forward funded*. As a result, immediate impact of sequestration to those programs would not be noted on the effective date of January 1, 2013.

Districts receiving Federal funding administered through other Departments of the U.S. Government might however, experience impact beginning January 1, 2013 if Congress does not act prior to that date. One specific Federal program that would fall into this category would be Federal Impact Aid, since it is *current funded*. Please note the following comments:

While the U.S. Department of Education recently announced that the majority of school districts won't feel the effects of sequestration until the 2013-2014 school year, for one set of schools – those who are affected by a federal presence in their community –sequestration will hit them in the middle of this school year. “Time is running out on federally impacted schools,” said National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) Executive Director John B. Forkenbrock. “If the sequester actually goes through, our schools will see an immediate impact right in the middle of this school year. The fact that the federal funding these schools rely on is not ‘forward-funded’ .....

To view the article from the American Association of School Administrators – Impact Aid, please go to the following link: <http://dese.mo.gov/fas/Sequestration.html>.