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Dear Military-Connected Families:

Each year Socorro Independent School District is required, under Federal law, to conduct a census of all federally connected students. Parents/guardians will receive this Federal Impact Aid Survey either electronically or physically; this should be completed and submitted for each student within their household. The impact Aid Program is a vital source of funding for local school districts who face unique challenges due to the presence of federal land within their region. Without this program, school districts near federal properties would face severe budget shortages.

Since 1950, Congress has provided financial assistance to local school districts through the Federal Impact Aid Program. It provides direct financial support to local school districts that face budget shortfalls because of nontaxable federal properties or sudden increases in student enrollment from families connected to Federal Installations such as Fort Bliss.

For families of service members, the Federal Impact Aid Program is particularly important. Many military families may live on or near military bases where local school districts rely heavily on Impact Aid to maintain essential services and programs. The funding supports a wide range of educational needs to ensure that children receive a stable and supportive educational environment.

Thank you in advance for completing the Federal Impact Aid Survey for each of your children. I encourage that you return the completed form back to your child's school campus within the requested timeline. 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, appearing to read "M. Soyka", is positioned above the printed name.

Michael V. Soyka
Colonel, U.S. Army
Commanding