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Mrs. Sheila Scott and her talented drama students partnered with the superintendent in the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual video for Idaho's Congressional delegation. We collaborate each September to thank our legislators for their urgency and support of Impact Aid. These crucial federal funds are 31% of the Lapwai School District budget. It is critical our Congressmen see the faces of the students their decisions impact and how the funds are used in Lapwai. I am always incredibly proud to showcase these talented Wildcat scholars. The video is available on the Lapwai School District YouTube channel and on our Facebook page under Lapwai School District #341.

Impact Aid is the Federal Government's obligation to school districts financially burdened (either through increased expenditures or the loss of local revenues) by the presence of nontaxable Federal property (military installations, Indian Lands, Federal low-rent housing, national laboratories and grasslands) and/or the costs of enrolling federally-connected children. Funding appropriated annually by Congress goes directly to school districts for any general fund purpose, including academic materials, technology, staff, or transportation. This flexibility allows school districts to target funds based on need, as determined by district leadership, supporting all students.

I would like to personally thank Senators Crapo and Risch and Representative Simpson for their urgency and support of Impact Aid funding. Senator Crapo is a co-chair of the Senate Impact Aid Coalition and Senator Risch is a member. Representative Simpson is a member of the House Impact Aid Coalition. Their advocacy led to a \$32 million increase for Fiscal Year 19. As Idaho State Chair of the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools, I would like to celebrate their dedication to the Lapwai School District.