FEDERAL IMPACT AID ParentVUE SURVEY
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1) **What is the Federal Impact Aid survey?**
Each year, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) is eligible to apply for Federal Impact Aid, a federal grant program that provides funding to school districts serving federally connected students. MCPS can qualify for this additional funding only if federally connected students are identified through this survey.

2) **What are the criteria for a student or parent/guardian to qualify as "federally connected?"**
Federally connected students are defined as—
   - children who live on federal property or federally subsidized housing units;
   - children with a parent/guardian who is an active-duty uniformed services personnel; and
   - children with a parent/guardian who is employed on eligible federal properties **in Maryland**, which includes working on federal reservations and Non-Appropriated Fund employees.

3) **Is the online ParentVUE survey available in different languages?**
Yes. You can change the language within ParentVUE to complete the survey in the preferred language.

4) **My child is qualified as federally connected based on two of the three defined criteria. In my survey response, should I respond "Yes" for only one of the criteria options, or for each option that my child(ren) qualifies under?**
Respond "Yes" and provide the applicable information **for each option** your student qualifies under.

5) **I do not qualify as a federally connected parent/guardian based on the criteria; however, my spouse/partner does. Can I submit the survey response on their behalf?**
Yes. You can submit the response on their behalf. It is not required that the "federally connected" parent/guardian submits the response. In the Parent/Guardian section of the survey, respond to the relative questions and provide the information for your spouse/partner.

6) **My spouse/partner and I are both active-duty uniformed services personnel. Do I provide information about each of us in my survey response?**
No. You only need to provide information about one parent/guardian if both qualify under the same option.

7) **I am an active-duty uniformed services personnel, and my spouse/partner is employed on an eligible federal property in Maryland. Do I provide information about each of us in the survey response?**
Yes. Respond to the specific question with information about each parent/guardian. You can respond to the question on behalf of the other federally connected parent/guardian.

8) **I have four children who meet the criteria as "federally connected." Do I need to submit a separate response in ParentVUE for each child?**
No. Within the Students section of the ParentVUE survey, each child should be designated as "Included" and, upon following the required steps, will be fully captured in the submission. If you see the name of the child under "Students to exclude," click the "Include" button by their name.

***Note: If you choose to submit MCPS Form 280-4, *Federal Impact Aid Survey*, instead of the online ParentVUE survey option, you will need to submit one form for each federally connected child.**

9) **I work on a federal property outside of Maryland. Does that qualify?**
No. Only federal properties in Maryland are eligible.

10) **I work on a federal property in Maryland, but I am unsure if it qualifies. How do I confirm if the federal property I work on qualifies?**
When completing the survey, you will see a drop-down menu where you can select the property at which you work. If you do not see the name of the property where you work, there is an option in the drop-down menu to select "Other Federal Property", and then you can enter the name and address of the property where you work. After submitting the survey, the MCPS Department of Controller will verify whether the property is eligible.

11) **I am unsure about a question included in the survey. Whom should I contact?**
Please send an email with your question(s) to impactaid@mcpsmd.org.

12) **I am having technical issues with ParentVUE. Whom should I contact?**
Please submit a request through the MCPS Community Tech Support Portal.