

## Q & A with Dr. Billy Walker

*The following are answers to questions asked in the chat during the Q & A on 11/18/24. OIE did further research to answer some of these questions. New information is in red.*

Q: Does OIE/ADE (or any high-level entity) provide legal representation for the parents as they work with districts in developing the IPP?

A: At the time of this meeting OIE was unable to locate a high-level entity providing legal representation for parents.

Q: What training (if any) is provided to the parents, so they know what and how to advocate for their students in the IPP? I found the parents are not familiar with LEA systems since they are not familiar with education.

A: This is the LEAs responsibility. Check with the LEA for resources.

Q: Is there a legal reference that states Impact Aid can be used for any legal purpose under state law?

A: After the meeting, Dr. Walker emailed the following: In looking at the law there are only two sections that mention how the Impact Aid funds are to be used, 7003(d) for children with disabilities and 7007 for construction. There are no other limitations in the law so without a specific citation otherwise those funds can be used for any legal purpose.

Q: What is the duration of validity for the waiver?

A: 1 year

Q: Does Impact Aid have a yearly report due as does JOM or Indian Ed Title VI Grants?

A: No revenue comes directly to the district there is no reporting mechanism.