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## **Congresswoman Noem Honored for Support of Impact Aid**

**Washington, DC – September 26, 2018** – The National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) has recognized Congresswoman Kristi Noem (R-SD) with the Friend of NAFIS Award. This award, which was presented at the 2018 NAFIS Fall Conference, celebrates recipients for outstanding contributions to the Impact Aid Program.

Impact Aid reimburses school districts for the loss of revenue caused by the presence of nontaxable Federal property, including military installations; Indian Trust, Treaty and Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act lands; Federal low-income housing facilities; and national parks, national laboratories and other Federal buildings and property. It helps ensure students who attend schools on or near Federal property have access to a quality education.

Congresswoman Noem serves as Co-Chair of the House Impact Aid Coalition. Throughout her tenure in Congress, she has been a leader in efforts to strengthen Impact Aid, sponsoring bipartisan legislation to increase the efficiency of the program and to provide greater flexibility to school districts that receive it. She introduced key provisions to improve Impact Aid in the latest reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). She also raised concern about efforts to redirect Impact Aid funding, recognizing the detrimental impact that such a proposal would have on federally connected school districts—those that receive Impact Aid—and the students they serve.

“Congresswoman Noem has been a champion of the Impact Aid program, helping ensure that federally impacted school districts have the resources they need to offer the quality of education students deserve,” said NAFIS Executive Director Hilary Goldmann. “Impact Aid pays for teacher salaries, school counselors, technology, student transportation and other education programming and supports based on local needs. School districts in South Dakota and across the nation depend on Impact Aid to give students access to opportunities they need to succeed in school and life.”

The entire Impact Aid community joins together in thanking Congresswoman Noem for her work to strengthen and protect Impact Aid.

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The National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) represents the 1,200-plus federally impacted public school districts that together educate more than 10 million students across the nation.

Federally impacted school districts are those located on or near nontaxable Federal property—including military installations; Indian Trust, Treaty and Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act lands; Federal low-income housing facilities; and national parks, national laboratories and other Federal buildings and property. These school districts, which are demographically and geographically diverse, receive Impact Aid, a Federal education program that reimburses school districts for the lost local revenue and additional costs associated with the presence of Federal property. To learn more, visit [www.nafisdc.org](http://www.nafisdc.org).