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Congresswoman Stefanik Honored for Support of Impact Aid

Washington, DC – September 25, 2018 – The National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) today recognized Congresswoman Elise Stefanik (R-NY) 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. Impact Aid helps ensure students who attend schools on or near Federal property have access to a quality education.

Congresswoman Stefanik consistently supports and advocates for the Impact Aid program and is a member of the House Impact Aid Coalition. Recently, she served as a leader in efforts to protect Impact Aid from a plan to redirect up to a third of its funding to private school vouchers, using her roles on both the House Armed Services and Education and the Workforce Committees to educate her colleagues on the need to maintain the integrity of the program and protect federally impacted school districts—those that receive Impact Aid—and the students they serve.

“I am honored to receive the Friend of NAFIS Award from the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools,” said Congresswoman Stefanik. “Federal Impact Aid is critical to supporting military communities across the nation and is used by Indian River and Carthage Central School Districts. I am pleased to be an advocate for this essential program, and I will continue to work to protect and support the Federal Impact Aid Program as a member of both the House Armed Services Committee and the Committee on Education and the Workforce. Thank you to NAFIS for your support and dedicated work for our students.”

“Congresswoman Stefanik played an integral role in ensuring that federally impacted school districts will continue to have the resources they need to offer the quality of education students deserve,” said NAFIS Executive Director Hilary Goldmann. “Impact Aid is a critical component of many school districts’ budgets, paying for teacher salaries, social/emotional supports, student transportation technology and other education programming and support based on local needs, ensuring students in New York and throughout the country have access to opportunities needed for success in school and life.”

The entire Impact Aid community joins together in thanking Congresswoman Stefanik 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.