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Statement from NAFIS Executive Director Hilary Goldmann on the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018

WASHINGTON, DC – Statement from NAFIS Executive Director Hilary Goldmann on the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018:

On behalf of the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) we thank Congress for prioritizing Impact Aid throughout the FY 2018 appropriations process. Both the House and Senate Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bills included increases for Impact Aid despite the limited resources available under the Budget Control Act caps. Earlier this year, Congress struck a much-needed bipartisan compromise to raise the caps to reverse the erosion of critical funding across education and discretionary programs. Finally, the FY 2018 Omnibus that was signed into law today includes an \$81 million increase for Basic Support and a \$4.5 million increase for Federal Properties - the largest increase for the program in over a decade.

These actions reaffirm Congress' longstanding and bipartisan support of this important program that reimburses public school districts to make up for the loss of tax revenue due to a federal activity. This funding increase is a good deal for students, school districts, and taxpayers and will allow federally impacted school districts to continue their locally-controlled investment of Impact Aid dollars to provide a quality education for all students. Impact Aid funds are used for student centered learning, supports for military connected students, Native American language and cultural education, teachers and school counselors, STEM curriculum, technology, afterschool programs, buses and so much more.

NAFIS members particularly appreciate the leadership of the House and Senate Labor-HHS-Education Subcommittees: Chairman Blunt and Ranking Member Murray, and Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro.

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