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Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy Honored for Support of Impact Aid

Washington, DC – September 27, 2018 – The National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) has recognized House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) 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.

Leader McCarthy is a long-standing member of the House Impact Aid Coalition and a consistent supporter of the Impact Aid program. In recent years, as budget proposals have eliminated appropriations for Section 7002 Federal Properties under multiple administrations, Congressman McCarthy has been a leader in educating his colleagues on the importance of the program and ensuring it is funded.

“Congressman McCarthy has played an integral role in ensuring that federally impacted school districts—those that receive Impact Aid—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, social/emotional supports, student transportation, technology and other education programming and supports based on local needs. School districts in California and throughout the nation rely on Impact Aid to give students access to opportunities they need to maximize their potential.”

“Impact Aid is a critical program for schools that provide the children of the men and women who are stationed on or work at our nation’s military installations with a free, quality public education. I have seen firsthand the importance Impact Aid plays at Sierra Sands Unified School District and Muroc Joint Unified School District, both which I represent in Congress, in educating the kids of parents who work at the Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake and Edwards Air Force Base,” said Majority Leader McCarthy. “I am honored to receive the Friend of NAFIS Award and look forward to continuing to work with my constituents, Hilary and NAFIS to ensure our schools that serve military installations have the resources

they need to provide a world class education to the next generation of America’s leaders. This includes ensuring robust funding for the Impact Aid program.”

The entire Impact Aid community joins together in thanking Congressman McCarthy for his work to protect and strengthen 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.