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Superintendent Tom Schneider Named Vice President of NAFIS Board

Washington, DC – March 26, 2019 – The National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) is pleased to announce that Tom Schneider, Superintendent of Burr Ridge Community Consolidated School District 180 (Illinois), has been elected Vice President of the NAFIS Board of Directors.

As Vice President of the NAFIS Board, Schneider will serve as a national leader advocating for school districts that receive Impact Aid. In this role, he will work with other board members from across the country to guide the association's public policy work and oversee plans for the association.

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 laboratories and other Federal buildings and property. It ensures students who attend schools on or near Federal property have access to a quality education.

Schneider has served as Superintendent of Burr Ridge CCSD 180 for the past 12 years. He has a long history as an educator, having worked as a teacher and in school administration since 1989.

Schneider has been active on the NAFIS Board for over a decade, most recently in the role of Secretary from 2017 to 2019. He is also active in the Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association (FLISA), serving as its President from 2014 to 2016.

"For the students in Burr Ridge schools, Impact Aid is not just a number in an appropriations bill," Schneider explained. "For our students, Impact Aid is an additional twenty minutes a day or nearly two more weeks of instruction per year. Impact Aid means small class sizes and after school tutoring twice a week for academically struggling students who happen to be near the poverty line. These dollars help to provide approximately seven to eight teachers, a longer school day and a variety of other programs our students and community highly value."

"The NAFIS Board is crucial in ensuring that students in federally impacted school districts receive the resources that they deserve," said NAFIS Executive Director Hilary Goldmann. "Tom brings important insight into the needs of these school districts, their students and their communities, as well as a wealth of experience and expertise from which NAFIS will continue to benefit."

Schneider's term will last for two years.

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The National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) represents the 1,300-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.