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Trista Hedderman Named Region IV Director of NAFIS Board

Washington, DC — March 25, 2019 – The National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) is pleased to announce that Trista Hedderman, Business Manager of Douglas School District (South Dakota), has been elected to the NAFIS Board of Directors. She represents Region IV, which includes North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana and Wyoming.

As a member of the NAFIS Board of Directors, Hedderman will serve as a national leader advocating for school districts that receive Impact Aid. In this role, she 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 helps ensure students who attend schools on or near Federal property have access to a quality education.

Hedderman previously served on the NAFIS Board of Directors for nearly three years as an At-Large Director and has been a NAFIS conference attendee for 16 years. She also sits on the board of Impact Schools of South Dakota (ISSD) and the executive board of the School Administrators of South Dakota.

Hedderman has served as the Business Manager at Douglas School District, which serves Ellsworth Air Force Base and the surrounding community, for 16 years. Prior to her current role, she worked for four years as the Business Manager at Andes Central School District in South Dakota, which also receives Impact Aid funding.

"Impact Aid is a huge funding source for Douglas," said Hedderman. "We use these funds for everything, including staff to keep class sizes smaller and instructional programs to give students the best education possible. An Impact Aid construction grant helped us build a much-needed new elementary school."

"Being on the NAFIS Board gives me a voice to influence how Impact Aid funding can best be utilized in South Dakota and across the nation," Hedderman continued. "I'm honored that I've been entrusted with the responsibility that goes along with serving on the Board."

"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. "Trista 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."

Hedderman'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.nafisd.org.