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## **Superintendent Keith Mispagel Named Secretary of the NAFIS Board**

**Washington, DC — March 25, 2019** – The National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) is pleased to announce that Keith Mispagel, Superintendent of Fort Leavenworth Unified School District #207 (Kansas), has been elected Secretary of the NAFIS Board of Directors. The election took place at the 2019 NAFIS Spring Conference.

As the Secretary of the NAFIS Board, Mispagel 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.

Mispagel has served on the NAFIS Board for nearly five years and has attended NAFIS conferences for 14 years. He has also participated in the NAFIS Federal Relations Outreach (FRO) meeting for 14 years. In addition, he has sat for many years on the Military Impacted Schools Association (MISA) Executive Board and is currently serving as its President.

Mispagel is currently in his ninth year as Superintendent of Fort Leavenworth Unified School District. Prior to this role, he served as a deputy superintendent, elementary principal and teacher in Fort Leavenworth. He has proudly dedicated 20 years to the district.

"As a coterminous school district – meaning our school district boundary is the same as Fort Leavenworth's – I do not have a tax base for my community," explained Mispagel. "Impact Aid is a significant support for daily operations, capital projects, student services and activities, as well as academic programs for all students."

"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. "Keith 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."

Mispagel'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](http://www.nafisdc.org).