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Superintendent Craig Hutcheson Named At-Large Director of NAFIS Board

Washington, DC – March 26, 2019 – The National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) is pleased to announce that Craig Hutcheson, Superintendent of Kittatinny Regional School District (New Jersey), has been elected to the NAFIS Board of Directors as an At-Large Director. The election took place at the 2019 NAFIS Spring Conference.

As a member of the NAFIS Board of Directors, Hutcheson 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 helps ensure students who attend schools on or near Federal property have access to a quality education.

"Impact Aid is essential to the basic functioning of our school district," said Hutcheson. "We utilize almost 70% of this federal taxpayer aid in lieu of taxes in our general fund to hire staff and support services throughout our school. We utilize other Impact Aid funds to purchase needed technologies and STEM upgrades, and for the hardening of our safety and security procedures."

Hutcheson has proudly represented his school district in NAFIS for the last 12 years, participating in every NAFIS conference he has held the position of superintendent. In addition, he is a longstanding member of the Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association (FLISA, a NAFIS subgroup) Executive Board, serving on various committees within that organization. He currently serves as the FLISA President.

"I would like to thank the members of FLISA for their confidence in nominating me for this wonderful opportunity to contribute to the NAFIS Executive Board," Hutcheson continued.

"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. "Craig brings important insight into the needs of these school districts, their students and their communities, as well as a wealth of experience and ideas from which NAFIS will benefit."

Hutcheson'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.