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## **NAFIS Applauds Investment in Impact Aid**

*Supports \$52 Million Increase in FY20 House Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Bill*

**Washington, DC – May 9, 2019** – The National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) thanks the U.S. House of Representatives Appropriations Committee for prioritizing Impact Aid in the FY 2020 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The legislation provides a \$50 million increase for Impact Aid Section 7003 - Basic Support and a \$2 million increase for Impact Aid Section 7002 - Federal Property. To support these needed increases, it is critical that Congress raise the budget caps to reverse the erosion of vital funding across education and discretionary programs.

The following statement can be attributed to NAFIS Executive Director Hilary Goldmann:

“This funding increase reaffirms Congress’ longstanding and bipartisan support of the Impact Aid program, which reimburses public school districts for the lost revenue and additional costs associated with the presence of nontaxable federal property, such as military installations; Indian Trust, Treaty and Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act lands; federal low-income housing facilities; and national laboratories.

The increase in Impact Aid funding is good for students, school districts and taxpayers. All decisions on how these funds are spent are made locally, so school districts can use Impact Aid for student centered learning, afterschool programs, transportation, technology, teacher and school counselor salaries, supports for military connected students, Native American language and cultural education or any other general fund purpose. These funds are critical in helping ensure that students in federally impacted school districts have access to the opportunities they need to meet their full potential.”

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