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Dr. Sandra Doebert Honored for Contributions to Impact Aid

Washington, DC – September 25, 2019 – The National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) has recognized Dr. Sandra Doebert, Director of Alternative Funding for Lemont Township High School District 210 (Illinois), with the Virginia Allred Stacey Founders Award. The award – the highest that NAFIS offers – was presented at the 2019 NAFIS Fall Conference.

Dr. Doebert was honored for her leadership, dedication and service to the Impact Aid community and the students we serve. 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 parks, 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.

Dr. Doebert has been active on Impact Aid and in NAFIS for many years. She served as President of NAFIS for multiple terms, steering the organization through a seamless leadership transition and multiple legislative victories, including significant increases in funding for federally impacted school districts. Her concerted outreach to the entire NAFIS Family enhanced a unified voice and helped move the NAFIS agenda forward. She has also served as President of the Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association (FLISA).

“Sandy’s leadership has been an essential part of NAFIS success over the past several years,” said Executive Director Hilary Goldmann. “Her willingness to go above and beyond was critical in ensuring the health of both our organization and the Impact Aid program at an uncertain time. Because of her efforts, Lemont students – and students in federally impacted school districts across the country – have opportunities and resources they need to maximize their potential. I am proud that NAFIS is recognizing her with this award for her exceptional work.”

Prior to her current role with Lemont, Dr. Doebert served as its superintendent for a decade. She became engaged in the Impact Aid community because of the Federal government’s impact on her own school district, which includes Argonne National Laboratory within its boundaries.

The entire NAFIS Family joins together in thanking Dr. Doebert for her work to strengthen and protect Impact Aid.

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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.