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Superintendent Voyd St. Pierre Elected At-Large Director of NAFIS Board

Washington, DC — March 24, 2021 – The National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) is pleased to announce that Voyd St. Pierre, Superintendent of Rocky Boy School District 87 (Montana), has been re-elected to the NAFIS Board of Directors as an At-Large Director. The election took place at the 2021 NAFIS Spring Virtual Conference.

As a member of the NAFIS Board of Directors, St. Pierre serves as a national leader advocating for school districts that receive Impact Aid. In this role, he works 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.

When assuming his position as Superintendent of Rocky Boy in July 2006, St. Pierre felt it was "imperative that I learn and understand all about Impact Aid, since it has such a great effect on our schools and students." He notes that Impact Aid provides the direct financial support for, on average, about 47-54% of Rocky Boy's annual budget for both the elementary and high school districts. It supports funding the administrative, certified, classified and extracurricular positions within the district; provides instructional programs for students in the classroom; enhances food service, transportation and OM departments; allows the district to complete minor building and maintenance projects; and supports all K-12 extracurricular programs.

St. Pierre is completing his fifteenth year as Superintendent of Rocky Boy. He is coming up on 31 years with the district, where he started in 1990 as a high school business teacher, coach and athletic director. He has served on the NAFIS Board for five years, and he is a longstanding member of the Board of Directors of the National Indian Impacted Schools Association (NIISA), where he recently completed a term as President.

"I am eager and committed to continuing to serve on the NAFIS Board because I bring an important perspective from Indian lands schools," said St. Pierre. "My continued work on this board will allow me to maintain my collaboration across the Impact Aid community serving as a committed, vocal, strong advocate for the program at the local, state, regional and national levels."

"The NAFIS Board plays a critical role in ensuring students in federally impacted school districts have access to the opportunities they need to reach their full potential," said NAFIS Executive Director Hilary Goldmann. "Voyd brings important insight into the needs of these school districts, their students and their communities that will help shape NAFIS advocacy, as well as a wealth of experience and ideas from which the association will continue to benefit."

St. Pierre's term will last for two years.

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The National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) represents the 1,100-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.