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Todd County Schools' Chad Blotsky Recognized for NAFIS Leadership

Washington, DC – April 15, 2021 – At the 2021 Spring Conference, the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) honored Chad Blotsky, Finance Director of Todd County Schools, who served the past two years as NAFIS President. Blotsky will now transition into the Past President role.

As President of the NAFIS Board, and now continuing as Past President, Blotsky serves as a national leader advocating for school districts that receive Impact Aid, the students they educate, and the communities they 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-rent 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 quality education.

Before becoming NAFIS President, Blotsky had served 10 years on the Board, including as Secretary and Vice President. Blotsky plays a critical role as a member of the NAFIS Data Verification Group, analyzing data in the U.S. Department of Education's Impact Aid database to help develop NAFIS policy positions.

"It has been an honor to lead NAFIS efforts to protect Impact Aid, ensure the Federal government meets its obligation to our students, and secure Impact Aid application relief during COVID-19," said Blotsky. "As Impact Aid faces new challenges, I will continue to advocate for this important program."

"Impact Aid is very personal to me, as 80% of our district's students live on Indian lands," Blotsky continued. "Impact Aid funds make up about 40% of the district budget and give our students access to opportunities that would otherwise be unaffordable. Impact Aid is a critical program that ensures students are not disadvantaged due to the Federal government owning land in their communities."

Blotsky has been the Finance Director at Todd County Schools for over 20 years. Prior to that, he worked as a supervisor at a national CPA firm for eight years.

"It has been a privilege to work closely with Chad the past two years," said NAFIS Executive Director Hilary Goldmann. "His understanding of the intricacies of the Impact Aid program have been critical to our advocacy successes, and his leadership during COVID-19 has been so appreciated. I look forward to continuing to work with him in his new role."

Blotsky will serve as Immediate Past President 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.