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NAFIS Mourns Loss of Executive Director Hilary Goldman

Washington, DC – November 19, 2021 – The National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) continues to mourn the loss of Executive Director Hilary Goldmann, who died tragically on November 16 as the result of an accident a few days earlier. Her two children, sister, brother and partner Jeff were all with her when she passed away.

Since she became Executive Director in 2015, Hilary has been dedicated to the NAFIS Family. Respecting the diverse perspectives in the Impact Aid community, she was also committed to uniting it.

Understanding the important role that Impact Aid plays in school districts' efforts to provide all students the opportunities they need to meet their full potential, she advocated tirelessly for it. Under her leadership NAFIS achieved many legislative victories, including significant increases in Impact Aid funding for both Section 7003 Basic Support and Section 7002 Federal Property; preservation of Section 7002 Federal Property despite multiple presidential administrations proposing its elimination; introduction of the Impact Aid Infrastructure Act in multiple Congresses; enactment of the Impact Aid Coronavirus Relief Act; and defeating legislation that would have turned Impact Aid into a voucher program.

Prior to joining NAFIS, Hilary led government relations for the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) for ten years, and, before that, worked in higher education advocacy. She began her career working on Capitol Hill.

Hilary was active on many boards and coalitions, including the Committee for Education Funding (CEF, of which she was a past president) and the National Coalition for Technology in Education and Training (NCTET, of which she was a longtime board member).

Most importantly, she was a devoted mother to her two children, as anyone who worked closely with her can attest.

Regardless of the role that she was in, Hilary was a catalyst, motivating others to action and to keep hope in the face of adversity. As such, her legacy is immeasurable.

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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 <https://www.nafisd.org/>.

