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NAFIS Board Names John Forkenbrock Interim Executive Director

Washington, DC – January 26, 2022 – The National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) Board of Directors has named John Forkenbrock as Interim Executive Director. Forkenbrock has a long history with NAFIS and is one of the nation's foremost experts on Impact Aid. He retired as NAFIS Executive Director in 2015 after serving in the role for 27 years. Since then, he has continued to lead Impact Aid technical assistance workshops and provide support to the organization.

Since the sad loss of Executive Director Hilary Goldmann in November, the NAFIS staff and Board have been working tirelessly to ensure the organization runs smoothly and school district needs are met. Forkenbrock will take over day-to-day operations and coordinate efforts for the upcoming NAFIS Spring Conference. He will also hire and direct an advocacy partner to ensure that Impact Aid remains a congressional priority in the coming months.

Forkenbrock, who will be working at the direction of the Board of Directors, has a six-month agreement with NAFIS that includes induction for a new permanent executive director. The search for that individual is underway, with applications accepted until January 31.

NAFIS is pleased to welcome John to his new role.

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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.nafisdc.org/>.