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Superintendent John Tucker Elected to NAFIS Board of Directors

Washington, DC – March 20, 2023 – The National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) is pleased to announce that Dr. John Tucker, Superintendent of Camden County Schools (GA), has been elected to the NAFIS Board of Directors. He will serve as Region II Director, representing Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Florida. The election took place at the 2023 NAFIS Spring Conference in Washington, DC.

As a member of the NAFIS Board, Tucker will serve as a national leader advocating for school districts that receive Impact Aid. He will also help guide NAFIS 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.

Tucker joins the Board with more than 25 years of experience in Camden County Schools, where he supports nearly 10,000 students, more than 35% of whom are federally connected, including students associated with Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay. He began as superintendent in January 2020, leading the district through the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. Among his proudest accomplishments of his first year were the school system's commitment to feed students even as schools were shut down and establishment of a system-wide steering committee of teachers, parents and community leaders that has been instrumental in helping shape the direction of the school system.

Prior to being named superintendent, Tucker served as principal of Camden County High School (CCHS) for 12 years. During that time, the school gained outstanding recognition at the state, regional and national levels, including being named a top high school in the nation by publications such as *U.S. News and World Report*, *Newsweek* and *The Washington Post*.

"The Impact Aid Program is of the utmost importance to the Camden County School District, aiding in funding instructional materials, salaries, transportation, technology, capital needs and more. This program gives the students of Camden County access to the opportunities they need to meet their full potential," said Tucker. "Being part of the NAFIS Board is an incredible honor. It is a privilege to represent Region II. At the same time, it is a huge responsibility, and I look forward to serving."

"The NAFIS Board plays a critical role in ensuring students in federally impacted school districts have access to the same quality education as their peers across the nation," said NAFIS Executive Director Nicole Russell. "John brings important insight into the needs of these school districts, their students and their communities that will help strengthen NAFIS advocacy. His success as both a school and system leader will help guide NAFIS forward."

Tucker'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.

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