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Superintendent Craig Hutcheson Elected Secretary of NAFIS Board

Washington, DC – March 21, 2023 – The National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) is pleased to announce that Dr. Craig Hutcheson, Superintendent of Kittatinny Regional School District (New Jersey), has been elected Secretary of the NAFIS Board of Directors. The election took place at the 2023 NAFIS Spring Conference in Washington, DC.

As Secretary of the NAFIS Board, Hutcheson will serve as a national leader advocating for school districts that receive Federal Impact Aid. He will also work with other board members from across the country to guide the association's public policy priorities and oversee plans for its continued success.

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.

Hutcheson has served on the NAFIS Board for four years and has proudly represented his school district in NAFIS for the last 16 years, participating in every NAFIS conference since he was appointed to the position of superintendent at Kittatinny in 2007. Hutcheson, who has served in a dual role as a shared superintendent with Hampton Township School District for the past eight years, is also a longstanding member of the Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association (FLISA, a NAFIS subgroup). He has served on its Executive Board in various roles, including as President.

"Having worked in the Impact Aid community for the past 16 years as part of FLISA and NAFIS, I am keenly aware of the importance of the collaboration, open and honest discussions and the shared goals of protecting funding for our schools and students, along with increasing the presence of the Impact Aid community on the Hill," said Hutcheson. "Our clearest path to achieve these goals is to work as one Impact Aid family to advocate for each and every school district in our NAFIS community. I continue to be committed to these goals and I look forward to the challenges ahead as we fight for our students, our schools and our taxpayer constituents."

"The NAFIS Board plays a critical role in ensuring that students in federally impacted school districts receive the resources that they deserve," said NAFIS Executive Director Nicole Russell. "Craig's insights into the needs of these school districts, their students and their communities will continue to strengthen our advocacy. I look forward to working with him in this new leadership role to advance NAFIS goals and priorities."

Hutcheson'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.