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Superintendent Voyd St. Pierre Elected At-Large Director of NAFIS Board

Washington, DC — March 23, 2023 – The National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) is pleased to announce that Voyd St. Pierre, Superintendent of Rocky Boy School District 87 (Montana), has been re-elected to the NAFIS Board of Directors as an At-Large Director. The election took place at the 2023 NAFIS Spring Conference.

As a member of the NAFIS Board of Directors, St. Pierre serves as a national leader advocating for school districts that receive Impact Aid. He also helps 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.

St. Pierre is completing his seventeenth year as Superintendent of Rocky Boy. He has proudly dedicated nearly 33 years to the district, where he started in 1990 as a high school business teacher, coach and athletic director. Impact Aid makes up approximately half of the district's annual budget. It supports administrative, certified, classified, and extracurricular positions within the district; provides instructional programs for students; enhances food service, transportation, and operations management departments; allows the district to complete minor building and facilities maintenance projects; and supports all K-12 extracurricular programs.

St. Pierre has served on the NAFIS Board for seven years. He is also a longstanding member of the Board of Directors of the National Indian Impacted Schools Association (NIISA, a NAFIS subgroup), which he has served in many roles, including as President.

"I am fortunate with the confidence provided me by the NAFIS membership through their support of another term on the Board of Directors. I remain a staunch advocate for Indian Lands children and districts who rely heavily upon Impact Aid to accomplish the day-to-day work of educating children. It is my responsibility to address, support, and initiate actions that further educate the public on the many critical issues that Indian Lands schools face," said St. Pierre. "I am eager to continue my collaboration with fellow NAFIS board members representing the four NAFIS subgroups and making decisions based on what is best for children in the 1,100+ Impact Aid schools across the country."

"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. "Voyd's experience and insights into the needs of these school districts, their students and their communities will continue to strengthen NAFIS advocacy. His dedication to the Impact Aid program and his vision for its future will help guide NAFIS forward."

St. Pierre'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.