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## **Representative Bobby Scott Honored for Support of Impact Aid**

**Washington, DC – September 28, 2023** – The National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) has recognized Representative Bobby Scott (D-VA) with the NAFIS Golden Champion Award. This award, which was presented during the NAFIS 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at the 2023 NAFIS Fall Conference, acknowledges the leadership that recipients have shown in strengthening and protecting the Impact Aid Program over the course of decades.

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 parks, 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.

In the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress, Rep. Scott serves as Ranking Member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce, his fifth term as the Committee's Democratic leader. As Chair of the Committee during the 116<sup>th</sup> and 117<sup>th</sup> Congresses, he helped lead passage of the American Rescue Plan, which provided a historic investment in public schools to help them reopen safely and make up for lost learning time, among other important legislation.

Committed to school infrastructure – a critical need for federally impacted school districts, many of which have greatly reduced or no capacity to raise funds for school construction due to nontaxable Federal land in their boundaries – Rep. Scott has led introduction of the Rebuild Americas Schools Act in multiple Congresses. This legislation includes significant investment in the Impact Aid Construction program. In addition, he was a founding member of the House Impact Aid Coalition in 1996 and currently serves on the Coalition's Steering Committee.

"Congressman Scott has long recognized the critical role that Impact Aid plays in ensuring that students have access to the educational resources and opportunities they deserve. He also understands the importance of safe and modern educational facilities in maximizing student learning, drawing national attention to this vital issue," said NAFIS Executive Director Nicole Russell. "Thanks to Congressman Scott's leadership and dedication, students in his congressional district and across the nation have smaller class sizes, mental health supports, updated technology, healthy learning environments and the many other educational programs and resources that Impact Aid provides."

"For decades, the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools, or NAFIS, has played a critical role in ensuring that all children in the United States have access to a quality education," said Rep. Scott. "I am

proud to continue working alongside NAFIS so that – together – we can ensure that the Impact Aid program continues offering our schools the support they need to provide all children a quality education.”

The entire Impact Aid community joins together in thanking Representative Scott for his longstanding advocacy for and support of Impact Aid.

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The National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) represents more than 1,100 federally impacted public school districts that together educate approximately 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 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

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