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NAFIS Congratulates Incoming Majority Leader John Thune

Washington, DC – November 14, 2024 – The following statement can be attributed to National Association of Federally Impacted School (NAFIS) Executive Director Nicole Russell:

“On behalf of the nation’s federally impacted school districts, congratulations to Senator John Thune (R-SD) on his election as the incoming Majority Leader. NAFIS is excited to see his continued leadership in the U.S. Senate, and we deeply appreciate the unwavering support he has shown for Impact Aid over the years.

Senator Thune is a longstanding champion of the children and communities who rely on this vital program. His commitment to ensuring that federally impacted school districts receive the resources they need to provide a quality education has made a significant impact on the lives of countless students, including many military children and Native American students.

We look forward to continuing to work closely with Senator Thune in his new role to advance the Impact Aid Program and support the success of all students. Once again, congratulations, Majority Leader Thune.”

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The National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) represents more than 1,000 federally impacted public school districts that together educate approximately eight 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.