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## **Chinle Superintendent Quincy Natay Elected President of NAFIS**

**Washington, D.C. – March 19, 2025** – The National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) is pleased to announce that Quincy Natay, Superintendent of Chinle Unified School District #24 in Arizona, has been elected President of the NAFIS Board of Directors. The election took place at the 2025 NAFIS Spring Conference in Washington, D.C.

As President of the NAFIS Board, Natay is a leading national advocate for school districts that depend on Impact Aid. He also collaborates with fellow board members from across the nation to shape the association's public policy priorities and oversee plans for its continued success. He assumes the role after two years as Vice President, during which he played a key role in advancing NAFIS's mission and goals.

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 ensures students who attend schools on or near Federal property have access to a quality education.

A lifelong resident of the Navajo Nation, Natay was named Superintendent of Chinle in 2013. At the time, it was one of the lowest-performing reservation districts in Arizona. Today, it is the highest, outperforming many non-reservation districts as well. One of the longest tenured superintendents in Chinle's history, Natay completely overhauled the district's strategic plan and led a district-wide culture shift. He is also focused on upgrading academic and athletic facilities. He has been recognized as Arizona State Superintendent of the Year and as a finalist for National Superintendent of the Year. Prior to this role, he served for 23 years as the district's Assistant Superintendent of Business.

"I am honored to serve as President of NAFIS and excited to continue our unified efforts advocating for the students, families, and communities who rely on Impact Aid. Our work is more important than ever," said Natay. "I look forward to collaborating with our members, partners, and policymakers to ensure that all Impact Aid districts receive the support they need to provide a high-quality education that every child deserves. Together, we will strengthen our collective voice and advance the mission of NAFIS."

In addition to his work with NAFIS, Natay is a long-time member of the National Indian Impacted Schools Association (NIISA), a subgroup of NAFIS. He has served on its Board of Directors for many years, including as President.

"Quincy's long history as an Impact Aid advocate, combined with his deep knowledge of the program, uniquely positions him for this leadership role," said NAFIS Executive Director Nicole Russell. "I am excited to continue working alongside him in this new capacity. The NAFIS Board is vital in ensuring that students in federally impacted school districts receive the resources they deserve. Quincy brings critical insight into the unique needs of these school districts, along with a wealth of experience in transformational leadership that will be invaluable as NAFIS adapts to a rapidly changing landscape."

Natay's presidency will last for two years.

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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 nearly 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. Learn more at [www.nafisd.org](http://www.nafisd.org).