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### **Kittatinny Superintendent Craig Hutcheson Elected Vice President of NAFIS Board**

**Washington, D.C. – March 18, 2025** – 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 Vice President of the NAFIS Board of Directors. The election took place at the 2025 NAFIS Spring Conference in Washington, D.C.

As Vice President of the NAFIS Board, Hutcheson is a leading national advocate for school districts that receive Impact Aid. He also collaborates with fellow board members from across the country to shape the association's public policy priorities and oversee plans for its continued success. He assumes the role after serving two years as Secretary, 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 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 six years and represented his school district in NAFIS since he was appointed Superintendent of Kittatinny in 2007. Hutcheson, who serves in a dual role as a shared superintendent with Hampton Township School District, 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.

"I am honored to be elected Vice President of NAFIS, advocating for the nation's oldest K-12 federal education program," said Hutcheson. "NAFIS and Impact Aid are crucial to ensuring the financial stability of schools serving students from federal installations. I am excited to continue advocating for the advancement of this vital program and for increasing federal funding to fulfill the obligations created by the federal presence in school districts across the nation. With Impact Aid serving over 1,000 districts and nearly eight million students, there is no greater motivation than ensuring that each of our students has the opportunity to learn in effective, comfortable, and cutting-edge learning environments that improve educational outcomes for all federally impacted students."

"The NAFIS Board plays a significant role in ensuring that students in federally impacted school districts receive the resources that they deserve," said NAFIS Executive Director Nicole Russell. "I look forward to continuing to work with Craig in his new role. His deep expertise and understanding of these districts' unique needs, coupled with his commitment to strengthening Impact Aid for the entire constituency, will help strengthen our association and drive our advocacy work forward as we navigate the evolving and challenging federal policy landscape."

Hutcheson's term will last for two years.

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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 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).