

2025 YEAR-IN-REVIEW

NAFIS ADVOCATES FOR IMPACT AID, FEDERALLY IMPACTED SCHOOL DISTRICTS,
& THE STUDENTS THEY SERVE.

LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

- **Welcomed Cherise Imai as Executive Director** in September 2025 following a successful national search
- **Ensured leadership continuity**, maintaining momentum on key initiatives and strengthening member relationships
- **Built on a strong foundation** to refine strategic priorities and advance a shared vision for federally impacted schools



CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF IMPACT AID

- **Marked 75 years of Impact Aid** with a special reception on Capitol Hill
- **Secured bipartisan congressional resolutions** in both the Senate (adopted unanimously by voice vote) and House honoring Impact Aid's 75th anniversary
- **Recognized longtime Impact Aid champions** Senators Mazie K. Hirono (D-HI) and Mike Crapo (R-ID) for their leadership and support



LED SUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO RECALL IMPACT AID PROGRAM STAFF

- **Led response to a serious threat to Impact Aid** stemming from the proposed elimination of U.S. Department of Education program staff, jeopardizing essential technical expertise and program integrity
- **Mobilized the NAFIS Family** to advocate collectively for the Impact Aid staff
- **Elevated public awareness** of the issue through significant media coverage, including the Associated Press, education trade publications, and state outlets

285 Individuals Took
908 Advocacy Actions

ADVANCING STRATEGIC PLAN PILLARS

VOICE: INCREASED INFLUENCE ON CAPITOL HILL

Secured
\$1.625 BIL.
for Impact Aid in
FY25

Introduced
Priority Bills
in 119th Congress

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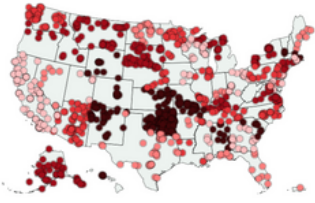
- **Protected Impact Aid funding** in a challenging budget climate
- **Maintained a strong presence on Capitol Hill and with the Administration** through two conference Hill Days, a leadership fly-in, a Hill staff briefing, and ongoing engagement with congressional offices and the U.S. Department of Education
- **Testified before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs** on Impact Aid's role in supporting Native students
- **Strengthened coalition leadership**, with Policy & Advocacy Director Jayson Schimmenti joining boards advancing education funding and school infrastructure
- **Reconvened the bipartisan and bicameral [Congressional Impact Aid Caucus](#)**
- **Reintroduced and advanced key legislation**—the *Advancing Toward Impact Aid Full Funding Act* and *Impact Aid Infrastructure Partnership Act*—in the 119th Congress

AWARENESS: BOOSTED VISIBILITY & UNDERSTANDING

Produced

80

Member Communications
(NAFIS News, Alerts & IMPACTs)



- **Delivered timely, consistent member communications**, including crisis alerts and rapid-response resources, to support members
- **Launched an [interactive map](#)** illustrating the nationwide scope of Impact Aid as part of a comprehensive redesign of the FY 2025 Payments Overview
- **Expanded media engagement**, securing member and staff quotes across national, local, and education outlets and publishing an op-ed elevating district voices during the federal government shutdown
- **Strengthened digital presence**, increasing reach, engagement, and visibility for Impact Aid across platforms
- **Conducted targeted member survey** on shutdown-related Impact Aid payment delays and produced a concise issue brief to raise awareness among policymakers, partners, and the media while informing advocacy efforts

COMMUNITY: UNIFIED & EMPOWERED NAFIS STAKEHOLDERS

408

Members in FY 2025

315

Spring Conf.
Attendees

352

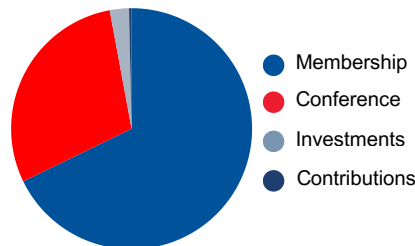
Fall Conf.
Attendees

- **Hosted two successful conferences** to strengthen the NAFIS Family
- **Fostered collaboration** across the State Chair network, representing 30 states
- **Provided personalized support** to members to meet their unique needs
- **Conducted nine site visits** in three states to strengthen member relationships and inform advocacy
- **Launched conference Call for Proposals** to showcase member expertise
- **Created conference volunteer program** to enhance member participation and the attendee experience
- **Introduced digital membership packets** for broader access to NAFIS resources

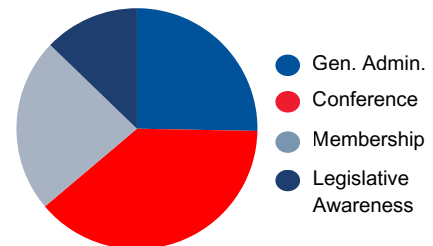
SUSTAINABILITY: MANAGED RESOURCES EFFECTIVELY

- **Implemented new technology solutions** to enhance member services, streamline operations, and improve staff efficiency
- **Revised staff benefits structure** to reduce costs
- **Strengthened board onboarding** to enhance governance and continuity
- **Increased conference sponsorship revenue** to support long-term financial sustainability

REVENUE



EXPENSES



FEDERALLY IMPACTED SCHOOLS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION (FISEF, the NAFIS Foundation)

158

Registrants for seven Impact Aid technical assistance workshops in five states in FY 2025

23

Grant applications received, with four awards totaling \$15,941 directly impacting 1,438 students

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