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Central Kitsap Superintendent Erin Prince Elected to NAFIS Board of Directors

Washington, D.C. – March 25, 2026 – The National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) is pleased to announce that Dr. Erin Prince, Superintendent of Central Kitsap School District (WA), was elected to the NAFIS Board of Directors at the 2026 NAFIS Spring Conference. In this role, she will help guide the association's advocacy and policy priorities on behalf of Impact Aid school districts nationwide while supporting its strategic direction.

Impact Aid reimburses school districts for lost local revenue caused by the presence of nontaxable federal property, including military installations, tribal lands, federal low-income housing, and national parks, laboratories, and other federal buildings and property. It helps ensure students in these communities have access to a high-quality education.

Dr. Prince has served as superintendent of Central Kitsap School District since 2019. About half of the district's approximately 11,000 students are federally connected, including many with ties to Naval Base Kitsap. Under her leadership, the district has prioritized strong academic outcomes, responsive student support systems, and operational stability.

A strong advocate at both the state and national levels, Dr. Prince serves on the executive board of the Military Impacted Schools Association (MISA), as Washington's co-commissioner to the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3), and on the governing board of AASA, The School Superintendents Association.

"Impact Aid reflects a simple but important principle: every child deserves access to a quality public education, regardless of where they live," said Dr. Prince. "In communities like Central Kitsap, where federal property significantly reduces the local tax base, Impact Aid helps ensure our schools can continue providing the programs, support, and opportunities our students need to learn and thrive. This funding represents a commitment to fairness and partnership, and it helps ensure that all students have the foundation they need for a successful future."

Prior to her current role, Dr. Prince served as superintendent of Corvallis School District (OR) and as vice president of the Chalkboard Project, a nonprofit dedicated to advancing public education. She earned her Ph.D. from Oregon State University.

"I'm honored to serve on the NAFIS Board and advocate for students whose education is shaped by federal policies and partnerships," she added. "Millions of students attend schools impacted by federal property, and they deserve strong, stable support. I am excited to work alongside fellow leaders to ensure Impact Aid continues to strengthen public education and to be part of a collective voice focused on expanding opportunity and doing what's right for students nationwide."

"The NAFIS Board is deeply committed to ensuring students in federally impacted districts have the resources and support they need to succeed," said NAFIS Executive Director Cherise Imai. "Erin's collaborative leadership, strategic insight, and dedication to student outcomes make her an outstanding addition to the Board. Her experience guiding districts and advocating at the national level will be invaluable as NAFIS advances Impact Aid to help students meet their full potential."

Dr. Prince's term on the NAFIS Board will last for two years.

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The National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) represents approximately 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, restricted, 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 www.nafisdc.org.