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Representative Dan Newhouse Honored as Friend of NAFIS

Washington, D.C. – October 14, 2026 – The National Association of Federally Impacted Schools is proud to recognize Representative Dan Newhouse (R-WA) with the Friend of NAFIS Award. The award, presented at the 2026 NAFIS Fall Conference, honors individuals who have made outstanding contributions to Impact Aid Program and the communities it serves.

Impact Aid provides funding to public school districts to help offset lost local tax revenue caused by the presence of nontaxable federal property, including military installations; Indian trust, restricted, and Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act lands; federal low-income housing facilities; and national parks and laboratories. In Central Washington, federally impacted communities include those near Yakama Nation lands and other federal buildings and property. Impact Aid helps school districts provide students in these communities with the teachers, technology, facilities, and other educational resources they need to succeed.

Rep. Newhouse has served as co-chair of the Congressional Impact Aid Caucus since 2019. He has championed the program through congressional resolutions commemorating its 70th and 75th anniversaries, efforts to strengthen congressional engagement with federally impacted communities, and continued advocacy for robust annual appropriations. His work has helped build bipartisan support for Impact Aid and elevate the needs of school districts affected by federal property.

“Representative Newhouse has been strong advocate for Impact Aid and the federally impacted school districts, educators, and students who rely on this funding,” said NAFIS Executive Director Cherise Imai. “We are grateful for his leadership and commitment to ensuring that Congress recognizes the important role that Impact Aid plays in helping schools meet their students’ needs.”

The entire NAFIS Family congratulates Representative Newhouse on this well-deserved honor and thanks him for his continued dedication to Impact Aid and the students it serves.

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The National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) represents approximately 1,100 federally impacted public school districts that collectively serve nearly eight million students nationwide. Located on or near nontaxable federal property – including military installations; Indian trust, restricted, and Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act lands; federal low-income housing; and national parks, laboratories, and other federal lands and facilities – these districts face unique funding challenges. NAFIS advocates for Impact Aid, a federal education program that helps offset lost local tax revenue and the additional costs of serving students in areas impacted by a federal presence. Learn more at www.nafisdc.org.