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NAFIS Opposes Attempts to Make Impact Aid an Education Savings Account

(WASHINGTON, DC) – The National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) is on record opposing attempts to repurpose Impact Aid as a voucher, and today, NAFIS opposes a recommendation to turn Impact Aid into an Education Savings Account (ESA) made by a Heritage Foundation staffer at the Education Writers Association National Seminar, in Washington DC.

“Turning Impact Aid into a voucher or an ESA clearly misses the point and purpose of Impact Aid,” said NAFIS Executive Director Hilary Goldmann. Impact Aid is a payment to school districts for taxes not collected from land owned by the Federal government. Private school tuition and other qualified ESA expenses have no connection whatsoever to a loss of local tax revenue due to a Federal impaction.

“Changing Impact Aid into an ESA would burden local taxpayers with higher taxes and require students to go without,” said Goldmann.

NAFIS looks forward to continuing to work with Congress and the Administration to ensure fairness to students, schools, and taxpayers where there is a Federal presence.