

New Connections, Continued Progress NAFIS Spring 2019 Conference



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Welcome

Please join us as the NAFIS Family gathers for the 2019 NAFIS Spring Conference, **New Connections, Continued Progress**, which will take place March 17-19 in Washington, DC.

The conference theme recognizes that there are many new members of Congress and many new congressional staff with whom we must **connect**, building relationships while we educate them on the importance of Impact Aid. It also acknowledges that we must continue the work we started at the Fall Conference making **new connections** within the NAFIS Family. And we must **continue the progress** we have made to increase funding for Impact Aid and to protect it from efforts to re-direct funding to private school vouchers.

The Spring Conference comes at a critical time, allowing attendees to engage in important advocacy work. Members of Congress will be fully staffed after the start of the 116th Congress

in January, so it will be an opportune moment to connect with continuing and new staffers. President Trump's FY 20 budget request will have been released in February and appropriations committees will be gearing up for FY 20, so it is also a key time to make requests for additional Impact Aid funding. Dear Colleague letters will be circulating on the Hill, and NAFIS attendees will ask policymakers to demonstrate their support for Impact Aid by adding their signature to these letters. We will also focus our advocacy work on infrastructure, supporting efforts to include Impact Aid construction in an infrastructure package.

As always, the conference will feature high profile speakers, the latest updates on Impact Aid funding and payments, and breakout sessions on topics you can incorporate in your district when you return home. You will also have the opportunity to meet with Department of Education staff to ask questions directly to the people who review your application.

Remember to share your school spirit—Sunday is "School Pride Day," and we encourage you to wear your school shirts, colors, logos, and other gear to let everyone know where you are from.

I look forward to seeing you at the 2019 NAFIS Spring Conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hilary Goldman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Executive Director
National Association of Federally Impacted Schools