



INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Resolution Regarding the Formation of a Standard Technical Advisory Committee

December 2, 2015

Whereas, the State Board of Education (“State Board”) is responsible for authorizing the development and implementation of the ISTEP and any other statewide assessment, and may establish criteria for membership of evaluation teams (IC 20-32-5-4(a), 4(a)(1)(B)); and

Whereas, the State has received expert recommendations that “Indiana establish a technical advisory committee that includes individuals who have specific expertise to provide technical advice to the State Board and the Department;”

Resolved, the State Board authorizes the creation of a Technical Advisory Committee (“Committee”). The Committee shall be comprised of the following:

- The purpose of the Committee shall be to provide advice and counsel to the State Board and the Indiana Department of Education (“DOE”) on matters of psychometrics, best testing practices, and education. General topics of interest include test design for the Indiana assessment program, college readiness, growth models, and assessment of special populations (English language learners (ELLs) and students receiving special education services).
- The Committee shall consist of four (4) to six (6) members. The State Board must approve, via a majority vote, all Committee members. Committee members are expected to have a diverse skill set including, but not limited to:
 - Operational large-scale assessment,
 - Scaling and equating,
 - Test design and form construction,
 - Data forensics,
 - Special populations,
 - Standard Setting,
 - Federal accountability requirements,
 - Growth models,
 - State policy,
 - Interim testing,

- Learning and instruction, and
 - Diagnostic models
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- The Committee shall be staffed by the Board's Senior Director of Accountability and Assessment, and by the DOE's Director of Assessment or designee.
 - The Committee shall use best practices as established by the National Center for the Improvement of Educational Assessment, Inc., or shall use best practices equivalent thereto.
 - The Committee shall meet as often as necessary to perform its tasks.
 - The Committee will be tasked with considering all matters put forth by the State Board and produce white papers as necessary.
 - The Committee shall nominate one Committee member to chair the Committee. The chair will be responsible for organizing Committee meetings and facilitating the administration of the Committee. Further, the chair will be responsible for ensuring that the State Board receives timely summaries of the proceedings.

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