



INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 3, 2014

Resolution Regarding the Virtual Option

WHEREAS, on or before September 25, 2014, the Department issued a policy creating a virtual option for the 2014-2015 school year.

WHEREAS, pursuant to this Department policy, the virtual option can be used on a make-up day or for make-up hours, or can be used on an inclement weather day;

WHEREAS, this virtual option is a significant policy change from prior practice;

WHEREAS, pursuant to IC 20-33-2-45, the Board has supervisory and rulemaking authority over the attendance policies of the state; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana Code does not address this virtual option or related issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board directs the Department to present to the Board at the January 7, 2015 meeting:

1. Information about virtual option requirements;
 - a. Including, but not limited to, how many virtual learning days can be used.
2. Information concerning implementation of the virtual option;
3. The legal authority the Department is relying on for this new policy;
4. Information regarding how schools will be held accountable for virtual option days;
 - a. Including, but not limited to:
 - i. How student attendance will be monitored; and
 - ii. How instruction will be monitored.
5. The guidance that has been provided to schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Board seeks legislative guidance on the virtual option and surrounding issues, and instructs Board staff to communicate to the Governor's Office the need for legislative guidance.

ADOPTED ON: December 3, 2014