



INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Resolution to Initiate the Procurement Process to Identify Special Management Teams Pursuant to IC 20-31-9 and IC 20-31-9.5

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Whereas, the Indiana State Board of Education (“Board”) is statutorily required to place schools within a category or designation of school performance annually based on findings of the Indiana Department of Education (“IDOE”);

Whereas, IC 20-31-9-4 reads, in relevant part:

- (a) This section applies if:
 - (1) for a school initially placed in the lowest category or designation of school improvement before July 1, 2016, in the fifth year after initial placement in the lowest category or designation, a school still remains in the lowest category or designation; or
 - (2) for a school initially placed in the lowest category or designation of school improvement after June 30, 2016, in the third year after initial placement in the lowest category or designation, a school remains in the lowest category or designation.
- (b) The state board shall do the following:
 - (1) Hold at least one (1) public hearing in the school corporation where the school is located to consider and hear testimony concerning the following options for school improvement:
 - (A) Merging the school with a nearby school that is in a higher category.
 - (B) Assigning a special management team to operate all or part of the school.
 - (C) Approving the school corporation's plan to improve the school through creation of a transformation zone.
 - (D) Approving the school corporation's plan to improve the school through creation of an innovation network school under IC 20-25.7-4.
 - (E) The department's recommendations for improving the school.
 - (F) Other options for school improvement expressed at the public hearing.
 - (G) Closing the school.
 - (2) If the state board determines that intervention will improve the school, implement at least one (1) of the options listed in subdivision (1).
- (c) The state board may delay interventions under this section for one (1) year if the affected school demonstrates that, despite remaining in the lowest category or designation, a majority of students in the school demonstrated academic improvement during the preceding school year.
- (d) Unless the school is closed or merged, a school that is subject to improvement under this section becomes a turnaround academy under IC 20-31-9.5.

Whereas, pursuant to IC 20-31-9-4, a school that placed in the lowest category or designation for six (6) consecutive years, or four (4) consecutive years, depending on the year of initial placement, the school shall become a turnaround academy under IC 20-31-9.5;

Whereas, once a school is deemed a turnaround academy, the Board may consider the option to assign a special management team to the turnaround academy;

Whereas, to ensure that the Board has relevant information related to the availability and quality of potential special management teams to fully consider this option for school improvement, the Board authorizes the following actions;

Resolved, Board staff shall take all appropriate actions in working with the Indiana Department of Administration (“IDOA”) to initiate a Request for Information (“RFI”) or a Request for Proposal (“RFP”) to identify potential vendors that would satisfy the requirements of a special management team for a turnaround academy;

Be it further resolved, in order to comply with IDOA processes and procedures that specify that draft RFIs and RFPs are confidential, Board staff will present the draft RFI or RFP to the Board during an executive session, conducted per IC 5-14-1.5-6.1, for review and feedback before either document is published by IDOA;

Be it further resolved, once it is decided which document will be published by the IDOA (a RFI or RFP), Board staff will seek guidance from the Board regarding the manner and level of participation the Board would like to have in the evaluation and selection process of respondents, which will be overseen by the IDOA.

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