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**TO: Indiana State Board of Education**

**FROM: Melissa Ambre, Director of School Finance**

**DATE: June 24, 2015**

**RE: Recommendation for Gary CSC Funding – TSO withholding**

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Pursuant to I.C. 20-31-9.5-3(c) and 511 IAC 6.2-9-4(b), the State Board of Education (“Board”) is charged with determining the amounts of tuition support and federal funds that are necessary to fund each turnaround academy. However, the timing of tuition support payments and withholdings are controlled by statute, and with respect to withholdings, by contract. Pursuant to I.C. 20-43-2-1, the Department must make state tuition support payments every 40 days. In furtherance of I.C. 20-43-2-1, The State Budget Director, each year, publishes a tuition support payment schedule. For the month of July, the schedule requires state tuition support be paid on July 15, 2015. With respect to withholdings, the contract to which Indiana Department of Education (“Department”) and turnaround school operator (“TSO”) as parties requires payment to the TSO be made in accordance with the schedule established by the State Budget Director.

Below is the methodology for payments made to the TSO. The Department respectfully asks the Board to adopt the Department’s recommendations based on the methodology below.

**Recommendation for State Tuition Support Withholding – Gary Community School Corp. (GCSC)**

Pursuant to I.C. 20-31-9.5-3(c) and 511 IAC 6.2-9-4(b), the Department recommends the following amounts be withheld from the **state tuition support grant** to be distributed to GCSC from July 1 through December 31, 2015, to be used for operation of the turnaround academy:

Theodore Roosevelt Career and Technical Academy \$2,366,012.44

The recommended amounts are based on the following counts for the turnaround academy: December 1, 2014, special education child count multiplied by the applicable categorical amount; May 2015 average daily membership (ADM) estimated count multiplied by the applicable amount for complexity grant and basic tuition support funding; the October 2014 graduation report counts for the honors grant multiplied by \$1,000 or \$1,400 for honors funding; and the September 12, 2014, career and technical education counts for career and technical education multiplied by the applicable amounts for career and technical



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education funding. The initial basic tuition and complexity grant estimates for withholding are based on the May 2015 estimated ADM count for basic tuition support and complexity funds.

**Reconciliation:** For complexity and basic tuition support, the Department will use a fall (September 2015) and spring (February 2016) count of ADM to determine funding for each six month period within the fiscal year. For special education funding, the Department will use the December 1, 2015, count to determine funding for the state fiscal year. For honors funding, the Department will use the October 2015 Graduate Report counts to determine state fiscal year funding. For career and technical education funding, the Department will use the fall (September 2015) count information to determine career and technical education funding. All grant totals will be added together to determine state fiscal year funding to the turnaround operator(s).

I.C. 20-43-4-9 requires the use of the fall count of ADM for the first six months of state fiscal year funding and the spring count of ADM for the second six months of the state fiscal year tuition support funding. Accordingly, the Department will reconcile any over or underpayments in withholding and payments resulting from the use of the fall and spring counts within the applicable six month period and state fiscal year.

Reconciliation periods will occur in December 2015 for Honors and Career and Technical Education funds, November 2015 and April 2016 for basic tuition support and complexity funds, and February 2016 for special education funds. During each reconciliation period, grants will be recalculated and updated to reflect actual counts. Payments will be adjusted to account for any over or under payment of the State Tuition Support funds. When changes occur, the Department will notify turnaround academy operators and GCSC Superintendent.

The estimated FY2016 state tuition support and the July – December 2015 amount to be withheld from Gary Community School Corporation is as follows:

School	Est. ADM	FY16 Tuition Support	FY16 Complexity Index	FY16 Honors Grant	FY16 Special Ed Grant	FY16 Career and Tech Ed Grant	FY16 Totals	July-Dec. 2015 Est.
Theod Roos.	616	\$3,095,067.36	\$1,138,657.52	\$2,000.00	\$457,500.00	\$38,800.00	\$4,732,024.88	<b>\$2,366,012.44</b>