



INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

TO: Cornerstone College Prep School
FROM: Timothy Schultz, Hearing Officer, Indiana State Board of Education
RE: Appeal by Cornerstone College Prep School of its 2015-16 Letter Grade
DATE: April 5, 2017

Finding: Cornerstone College Prep School's appeal of its 2015-16 category placement of an "F" grade should be denied.

I. Facts

Cornerstone College Prep School ("Cornerstone") received a letter grade of "F" for the 2015-16 school year. Cornerstone appealed the "F" grade due to concerns regarding the possible exclusion of student data used for calculating the school's category placement grade.

II. Argument and Analysis

Cornerstone contends that its category placement calculation did not include data points for a number of the school's students. Cornerstone argues that the school's overall grade was erroneous due to the possible exclusion of student data. As part of the appeal process, Cornerstone provided the hearing officer with the student data that the school believed was not taken into account for purposes of determining its grade. However, upon review it was determined that the student data provided by Cornerstone did not alter school's overall grade. Thus, Cornerstone's argument that its appeal should be granted to account for the data provided during the appeal process lacks sufficient evidence.

For the forgoing reasons, Cornerstone's "F" grade should not be altered, and the appeal should be denied.