

MEMORANDUM

TO: Indiana State Board of Education

FROM: Scott Bogan, Director of Higher Education and Educator Preparation Programs

DATE: December 9, 2020

SUBJECT: Virtual Instruction Licensure Addition Proposal – Ball State University

Representatives from Ball State University are seeking final approval to offer a licensure addition program in **Virtual Instruction**. The program is designed for licensed teachers seeking to enhance their pedagogical skills in virtual instruction. With increasing numbers of educators facing unique challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the need and demand for professional growth and development in virtual instruction is at an all-time high. Currently, only one program of this type has been approved to license teachers in virtual instruction.

As a reminder, virtual instruction is not a stand-alone program for initial licensure. It can only be added to an existing, valid instructional license and applies to the grade setting on the license only (511 IAC 15-6-26).

It is the conclusion of a majority of the Indiana Educator Preparation Program Review Team (INPREP) and, pursuant to 511 IAC 13-1-1, Sec. 1, (d), the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) recommends that the Indiana State Board of Education approve the following new program:

Virtual Instruction Licensure Addition Program – Ball State University

IDOE will continue to monitor the progress of the above program by reviewing all annual reports required of Ball State University, including candidate performance data submitted to the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation and IDOE.