



INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

To: Indiana State Board of Education
From: Ron Sandlin, Senior Director of School Performance & Transformation
Date: July 10, 2019
RE: Lakeland School Corp request for new number for a school currently in operation (IC 20-19-2-22)

Recommendation: The following table summarizes the request submitted by Lakeland School Corporation (4535) and the corresponding recommendation from State Board of Education (“State Board”) staff. School officials from the corporation have agreed to the State Board staff’s determination.

School #	School Name	Summary of Request	Staff Recommendation
3730	Lakeland High School	Request for a new school number following a reconfiguration from a 9-12 high school to a 7-12 Jr./Sr. High School.	Deny the request for a new school number as it does not meet the first criteria to have an increase or decrease in student population of at least 70%.
3741	Wolcott Elementary	Request for a new school number following a reconfiguration from a K-5 elementary to a Pre-K center.	Approve the request for a new school number as the request satisfies all three components of the criteria.
3745	Lime-Brighton Elementary	Request for a new school number following a reconfiguration from a K-5 elementary to a Pre-K center.	Approve the request for a new school number as the request satisfies all three components of the criteria.
-	Lakeland Intermediate*	Request new school number for a reconfigured 4-6 intermediate school to serve all students in the corporation enrolled in these grade levels.	Approve the request for a new school number as the request satisfies all three components of the criteria.
-	Lakeland Primary*	Request new school number for a reconfigured K-3 primary school to serve all students in the corporation enrolled in these grade levels.	Approve the request for a new school number as the request satisfies all three components of the criteria

* Will replace the current school numbers for Lakeland Middle School (3743) and Parkside Elementary (3731), respectively.

Background: PL 269-2019 authorizes the State Board, upon request of a school corporation, to approve the issuance of new school numbers for any school that is currently in operation. In determining whether to approve a new identification number for a school, the State Board may consider a school’s history of student growth and performance.

Analysis: State Board staff used a three part criteria when determining whether or not to issue a new school number:

1. An increase or decrease of at least 70% of the student population
2. A significant change in the educational philosophy, curriculum, or staff
3. A change is not being made to avoid accountability

This criteria was modified from a rubric previously used by the Department of Education to facilitate this same process in previous years. The State Board maintains its authority to revise this rubric and/or adopt rules to establish a criteria for receiving a new school number at any point in the future.

The following table provides a detailed analysis of the corporation’s request for a new school number.



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Baseline Reset Request for Consequences under IC 20-31-9-4, IC 20-24-2.2-2, or IC 20-51-4-9

511 IAC 6.2-10-9 School changes due to opening, reopening, reconfiguring, or redistribution of students; new accountability baselines

Beginning March 1, 2016, this section applies to schools that:

- open;
- reopen;
- reconfigure; or
- redistribute students.

To obtain a new accountability baseline, an eligible school must clearly demonstrate all of the following criteria:

1. An increase or decrease of at least seventy percent (70%) of the student population from the previous year, either by elimination or addition.
2. A significant change in educational philosophy, curriculum, or staffing.
3. A change is not being made to avoid accountability.

In addition to completing and submitting this application, each applicant must submit accompanying artifacts and evidence to support the request for a baseline reset. These resources should directly relate to the claims made within this application, including changes in educational philosophy, curriculum, or staffing. The application **must include**, at a minimum, copies of meeting minutes or meeting notes from the governing body of the school or corporation during which the referenced changes were discussed. In the case of an accredited non-public school that is unable to provide meeting minutes or notes due to the structure of the organization, please acknowledge that under Criteria 3 and explicitly reference what the school has submitted in lieu of this requirement.

Supplementary artifacts and evidence should be submitted as electronic files via email, along with the completed request form, to applications@sboe.in.gov with the subject line, *Baseline Reset Request*.

Please include information for all schools involved in the request for a new baseline.

School Number	School Name	Most Recent Performance Category Placement
0001	"Sample Elementary"	"A"
3730	Lakeland High School	B
3743	Lakeland Middle School	D
3745	Lima-Brighton Elementary School	C
3731	Parkside Elementary School	B
3741	Wolcott Mills Elementary School	D

Please complete this section for each school requesting a new baseline.

School Number	School Name	Current Grade Span	New Grade Span (If Applicable)	Projected Enrollment In Upcoming School Year	
				Enrolled	Free & Reduced
0001	Sample Elementary	KG-5	PK-4	512	256
3730 + 3743	Lakeland Jr/Sr High School	9-12	7-12	887	466
3743 + 3745 + 3731 + 3741	Lakeland Intermediate School	6-8	3-6	568	315
3745 + 3731 + 3741	Lakeland Primary School	K-5	K-2	373	207
3741	Wolcott Mills Elementary School	K-5	PK	20	12
3745	Lima-Brighton Elementary School	K-5	PK	20	12

CRITERIA 1: An increase or decrease of at least seventy percent (70%) of the student population from the previous year, either by elimination or addition. (figures may be based on estimation and informed projections)

Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E	Column F
School Name	Previous Enrollment (Fall ADM)	2019-2020 Projected Enrollment	# Students Eliminated due to reconfiguration	# Students Added due to reconfiguration	Student Population Change Detail (Total Sum should equal column D + E)
Sample Elementary	800	300	50	100	25 students going to "Sample Elementary" 25 students leaving corporation 50 students coming from "Sample High School" 25 students coming from "General Elementary" 25 students new to corporation
Wolcott Mills Elementary	198	20	198	20	198 = K-2 going to Lakeland Primary; 3-5 going to Lakeland Intermediate 20 = new PreK program starting
Lima-Brighton Elementary	196	20	196	20	196 = K-2 going to Lakeland Primary; 3-5 going to Lakeland Intermediate 20 = new PreK program starting
Lakeland High School	577	887	0	310	310 = Grades 7 and 8 moving from Lakeland Middle School
Lakeland Middle School	460	568	310	108	108 = Grades 3, 4, and 5 moving from Lima-Brighton, Parkside, and Wolcott Mills with grade 6 remaining from old middle school 310 = Grades 7 and 8 going to Jr/Sr High
Parkside Elementary	437	337	100	0	100 = Grades 3, 4, 5 from Parkside joining other students from Lima-Brighton and Wolcott Mills at the Intermediate School

Criteria two requires the requesting school corporation to demonstrate a significant change in educational philosophy, curriculum, or staffing. Please submit information for each school under the specific area(s) for which the corporation believes the school has had a significant change.

CRITERIA 2a: Significant change in certified staff at the school.

Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E	Column F
School Name	# Previous Year Staff	# Next Year Projected Staff	# Staff Eliminated due to reconfiguration	# Staff Added due to reconfiguration	Staffing Change Detail (Should equal the sum of column D & E)
Sample Elementary School	32	35	7	10	2 teachers no longer in corporation 5 teachers assigned to Sample Elementary 2 teachers from General Elementary 8 teachers from Sample High School New principal from outside of corp

CRITERIA 2b and 2c: Significant change in education philosophy or curriculum. A significant change in education philosophy may be demonstrated in a number of ways; however, must go beyond changes to programming and/or curriculum only.

Column A	Column B	Column C
School Name	Changes in Educational Philosophy	Changes to Curriculum (e.g. implementation of a magnet program, IB, etc)
Lakeland Primary	Moving to a foundational focus of socialization, primary social and emotional supports, and reading and understanding math at grade level at the end of 2 nd grade	Unified curriculum bringing 3 elementary schools together
Lakeland Intermediate	Grades 3 through 6 taught in a elementary setting, non-departmentalized	Unified curriculum bringing together 3 elementary schools and former middle school 6 th grade staff
Lakeland Jr/Sr High	Meshing high school and former middle school emphasis on Project / Problem Based Learning; expanding opportunities for high school work for accelerated junior high students	Opportunity to expand Project Lead the Way programming for younger students; unified curriculum in P/PrBL through the New Tech Network


CRITERIA 3: A change is not being made to Avoid Accountability.

Please provide a statement ensuring that the change is not being made to avoid accountability. Please reference and submit supplementary artifacts and evidence along with this application which must include, but is not limited to, minutes from all public governing board meetings during which the changes described above were on action or discussion over the past four years. In the case of an accredited non-public school that is unable to provide meeting minutes or notes due to the structure of the organization, please acknowledge that under Criteria 3 and explicitly reference what the school has submitted in lieu of this requirement.

Additional evidence may include a third party facilities study that illustrates an emerging facility need, a fiscal audit demonstrating recent financial burden, a recent population growth that requires reevaluation of school boundaries, a transportation study representing a recent transportation burden, corporation consolidation, or other evidence that supports a recent change in school/corporation circumstance.

Accountability Statement

Lakeland School Corporation has experienced declining enrollment for over a decade. Three years ago, we had put feelers out into the community about potential reconfiguration to try to balance our building sizes in elementary. There was a big push back from families and we chose not to move forward. After that, our outlying elementary schools dropped below 50% capacity and, this past year were at 40% and 43% making it difficult to financially maintain five schools when we could fit in three. We see great benefits coming from a unified staff with all teachers at all grade levels being in the same buildings together. We will be spending this coming year focused on reviewing curricula and best practices.

Corporation or Non-public Name: Lakeland School Corporation	
Superintendent or Designee Name: Dr. Eva G. Merkel	
Superintendent or Designee Signature: 	Date: 6-18-19

Email completed form to applications@sboe.in.gov with the subject line Baseline Reset Request

