



INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Draft Resolution Regarding Character & Citizenship Programs

November 16, 2016

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 20-19-2-14 provides that:

The state board shall do the following:

- (1) Establish the educational goals of the state, developing standards and objectives for local school corporations.
- (2) Assess the attainment of the established goals.
- (3) Assure compliance with established standards and objectives.
- (4) Coordinate with the commission for higher education (IC 21-18-1) and the department of workforce development (IC 22-4.1-2) to develop entrepreneurship education programs for elementary and secondary education, higher education, and individuals in the work force.
- (5) Make recommendations to the governor and general assembly concerning the educational needs of the state, including financial needs.
- (6) Provide for reviews to ensure the validity and reliability of the ISTEP program.

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education ("State Board") desires to make recommendations to the General Assembly pursuant to Indiana Code 20-19-2-14 regarding statewide guidelines and principles for character and citizenship programs.

WHEREAS, the State Board has adopted a Strategic Plan that includes goals for character and citizenship programs for districts and schools as a strategy to ensure all students in Indiana learn valuable lessons necessary to lead productive and positive lives.

WHEREAS, under the leadership of the State Workforce Innovation Council (SWIC), the Department of Workforce Development (DWD), in partnership with the Greater Clark County School Corporation (GCCS), and a taskforce comprised of members of the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE), Vocational Rehabilitation (VR), the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and local employers developed the Works Ethic Certificate (WEC) Implementation Guide designed to provide instructions and sample documents for local school corporations to develop and implement their own WEC program for high school students.

WHEREAS, through the ongoing partnership between GCCS and the Indiana DWD, the Governor's Work Ethic Certificate program was created in 2016, and during the 2016-17 school year seed money will be provided to up to 24 pilot school corporations or consortiums of school corporations or regional workforce development boards. Program development will be performed with technical assistance from GCCS, with the goal of implementing the programs and enrolling students during the 2017-18 school year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the State Board expresses support for the adoption of the Governor's Work Ethic Certificate program as part of the statewide guidelines and principles for character and citizenship.