

INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Resolution of the Indiana State Board of Education Concerning Intervention within Indianapolis Public Schools

April 5, 2017

WHEREAS, John Marshall Community High School (5494) within the Indianapolis Public Schools ("IPS") received six (6) consecutive placements in the lowest category or designation of school improvement in 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana State Board of Education ("Board") assigned a lead partner model at John Marshall Community High School (5494) and John Marshall Community Middle School (5517) under I.C. 20-31-9-4 in August, 2012; and

WHEREAS, I.C. 20-31-9-9 requires the Board to take one (1) of the following actions for a school in its fifth (5th) year of intervention: (1) return the school to the school corporation for operation, (2) direct the special management team to apply to a charter school authorizer for charter school status for the school, or (3) implement a new intervention allowable under state law; and

WHEREAS, the Board held a public hearing, as required by I.C. 20-31-9-9, for John Marshall on January 12, 2017 during which Indianapolis Public Schools presented a plan to transition John Marshall Community Middle School (5517) into the IPS Transformation Zone beginning in the 2017/2018 school year; and

WHEREAS, the plan presented by Indianapolis Public Schools also included a recommendation to close Arlington Community Middle School (5466) and John Marshall Community High School (5494) as an effort to better support student success within the IPS Transformation Zone; and

WHEREAS, the IPS has submitted a Transformation Zone plan as described in IC 20-31-9.5-9.5.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Indiana State Board of Education approves the school corporation's plan to improve the school through the creation of the IPS Transformation Zone under IC 20-31-9.5-9.5 and approves the school corporation's Transformation Zone plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Indiana State Board of Education approves the school corporation's plan to reconfigure grades at Arlington Community Middle School (5466) and John Marshall Community High School (5494) beginning in the 2017/2018 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, John Marshall Community Middle School (5494) remains designated as a turnaround academy under I.C. 20-31-9.5.