



INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Resolution of the Indiana State Board of Education Concerning Intervention at Roosevelt College and Career Academy

WHEREAS, Theodore Roosevelt Career and Technical Academy (“Roosevelt”) within the Gary Community School Corporation received six (6) consecutive placements in the lowest category or designation of school improvement in 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana State Board of Education (“Board”) assigned EdisonLearning as the special management team for Roosevelt under I.C. 20-31-9-4 in August, 2011; and

WHEREAS, I.C. 20-31-9.5-7(c) states “[t]he term of the contract [with a special management team] may not exceed five (5) years. The contract may be extended after the initial term at the direction of the state board”; 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 under section 4(b) of this chapter; and

WHEREAS, the Board held a public hearing, as required by I.C. 20-31-9-9, for Roosevelt on March 23, 2016; and

WHEREAS, during the public hearing EdisonLearning and the Gary Community School Corporation presented a plan to transition Roosevelt to a transformation zone/innovation network school; and

WHEREAS, the proposal by EdisonLearning and the Gary Community School Corporation received broad support from school and community leaders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Indiana State Board of Education directs the contract be extended with EdisonLearning for operation of Theodore Roosevelt College and Career Academy as a special management team for one-year under I.C. 20-31-9.5-7(c), subject to Board approval under I.C. 20-31-9.5-0.5; and

RESOLVED, Roosevelt remains designated a turnaround academy under I.C. 20-31-9.5, subject to intervention under I.C. 20-31-9, at the discretion of the Board; and

RESOLVED, the Board encourages EdisonLearning and the Gary Community School Corporation to reach a formal agreement for the operation of Roosevelt as a transformation zone/innovation network school, subject to Board approval, during the extended year of operation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Board recognizes the progress being made at Roosevelt and applauds EdisonLearning and the Gary Community School Corporation for their collaborative approach to encouraging further improvement of student outcomes at the school.

ADOPTED ON: April 15, 2016