



INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

To: Indiana State Board of Education
From: Chad E. Ranney, Deputy General Counsel – Indiana State Board of Education
Date: September 2, 2020
Re: **State Board of Education Appointment to the Indiana Standards and Assessment Accommodation Task Force**

Recommendation: Appoint Dr. Michelle Gough to serve as a member of the Indiana Standards and Assessment Accommodation Task Force.

During the 2020 legislative session, the Indiana General Assembly (“IGA”) passed Senate Enrolled Act 346, which, among other things, established the Indiana Standards and Assessment Accommodation Task Force (“Task Force”). Pursuant to IC 20-19-9.1-2(a), the 14-member Task Force has been charged with conducting a review of the following:

1. The accommodations provided for by Indiana’s statewide assessment to determine if appropriate accommodations are available to accurately measure a student’s learning; and
2. Indiana’s English and language arts academic standards to explore the possibility of separating the academic standard of reading comprehension into a separate reading academic standard and a comprehension academic standard.

Once the review is complete, the Task Force will issue a final report and make recommendations to the IGA.¹

The Task Force’s membership is set forth in IC 20-19-9.1-2(b) and includes “one (1) member who is an assessment expert appointed by the state board.” *See* IC 20-19-9.1-2(b)(12).² After speaking with Dr. Gough, Board staff recommends the Board appoint Dr. Gough to serve on the Task Force.

¹ The final report and recommendations are to be submitted to the Indiana General Assembly on or before November 1, 2020.

² By statute, the Task Force’s membership also includes the following members of the Indiana State Board of Education: Dr. Byron Ernest and Mr. Pat Mapes.