

To: State Board of Education

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Re: Final approval of 18 Praxis licensure test cut scores

### **Background**

In October 2018, the IDOE released an RFP for a new licensure test vendor and program as required by the 2018 General Assembly. In July 2019, in accordance with the results of the RFP and action by the 2019 General Assembly, Educational Testing Service (ETS)--with its nationally available Praxis test program--was adopted by the SBOE to provide educator licensure tests as of September 1, 2021.

Since its adoption in July 2019, ETS and IDOE began working to establish test cut scores for the existing Praxis tests Indiana will use, and the development of several new Praxis tests that will be used in Indiana and made available to other ETS client states. Many Praxis tests use a multi-state cut score that has been confirmed by educators in each state where the tests are in use; ETS invited Indiana educators to participate in a panel review of the multi-state cut scores with the goal of either recommending the multi-state cut score for use in Indiana or to recommend a modified cut score for use in Indiana. These score setting studies are continuing into fall and winter 2021.

As of the end of July 2020, Indiana educators had completed score studies for 24 Praxis tests, which the board approved in September 2020. As of the end of September 2020, Indiana educators had completed score studies for an additional 18 Praxis tests. **For 11 of the tests, the panels' Recommended Study Value (RSV or cut score) for Indiana was the same as the multi-state cut score (Median Adopted Score or MAS). See Table 2 in the supporting document. For seven of the tests, the panels' recommended RSV for Indiana (IN RSV) is different than the multi-state MAS. See Table 3 in the supporting document.** The supporting document includes an explanation of the score setting process, a summary of each test (see Table 1 in the supporting document), the MAS and IN RSV for each test, and the data for +/- one and two SEMs from the MAS and IN RSV; this information was posted for public comment for 30 days. The document also includes the names of the Indiana educators who participated on the score studies. See Appendix A.

- No public comment was submitted for 17 of the tests.

- One public comment was submitted for test 5911 Economics concerning the alignment of the test to the Indiana Educator Standards, but no opinion was offered as to whether the proposed cut score should be modified or adopted.

**Action Needed**

Under 511 IAC 15-7-2 the board must vote final approval of cut scores for the licensure tests after 30 days of public comment.

**DOE Recommendation**

Final approval of the panel-recommended cut scores (RSV and IN RSV) for each of the 18 Praxis tests identified in the attached document.