



Indiana Department of Education

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

To: Members of the Indiana State Board of Education

From: Melissa K. Ambre, Director, Office of School Finance

Date: December 1, 2021

Subject: Common school loan amendment

The following career center requests approval to extend the time frame to expend loan proceeds that were awarded in 2020. State Board of Education's common school loan policy includes a provision that construction advances must be used within two (2) years after the State Board of Education approves the advance, with at least fifty percent (50%) of the advance used within one (1) year after the State Board of Education approves the advance. The career center is not asking for additional funds to amend the scope of the original project.

Heartland Career Center (8065) School officials request approval for an extension of the one and two-year deadlines to expend Spring 2020 common school construction loan proceeds. The career center is requesting the deadline to use at least fifty percent (50%) of the advance be extended to December 31, 2022, and the deadline to use the balance be extended to December 31, 2023. The request is because design of the building has been delayed due to COVID-related concerns and a significant increase in construction costs. As a result of increased construction costs, the career center may now be faced with reducing the footprint of its new building from 35,000 square feet to 14,389 square feet in order not to exceed available funds. The career center received approval for a construction advancement in the amount of \$1,000,000, which included the following:

This is the first project presented to the Board from a Career and Technical Education School Building. The Center services Grades 9-12. The school corporations that are under the Career Center are: Manchester Community Schools, Peru Community Schools, Wabash City Schools, MSD of Wabash County Schools, and North Miami Community Schools.

The project consists of construction of a 35,000 square foot building on the campus of Heartland Career Center, housing approximately 9000 square feet of traditional classroom space with supporting office/administrative space, 11,000 square feet of instructional production space, and 10,000 square feet of technical classroom space with additional production space. The building will be placed on –grad slab and super steel structure. Other funds used toward the project include an EDA Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant. This loan would provide support for 20% of the total project cost with the other 80% through the Grant.

We appreciate your consideration of the request to extend the deadline to expend funds.