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TO: Indiana State Board of Education  
FROM: Office of School Accountability, Indiana Department of Education  
RE: Placement of Schools in 2017 A-F Categories  
DATE: October 3, 2017

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Pursuant to IC 20-31-8-4(a) and (b), the Indiana state board of education (Board) shall place each school in a category or designation of school performance once annually based on the Indiana Department of Education's (Department) findings from the assessment of performance and academic growth so long as each school had the opportunity to review, add to, or supplement the data, and to correct any errors in the data; and the Board's staff had an opportunity to review and analyze corporation, school, and student level data.

Each school was provided the opportunity to review, add to, or supplement its data used to calculate A-F grades through the Department's A-F audit process. The Department received 45 audit review requests. Additionally, the Department provided corporation, school, and student level data to State Board staff to review and analyze.

Pursuant to 511 IAC 6.2-10-11, a school may appeal its accountability placement based on relevant objective factors that demonstrate annual assessment data do not accurately reflect the school's performance. Objective factors include significant demographic changes in the student population, errors in data, or other significant issues including, but not limited to, errors in the application of the administrative rule to determine an accountability category. A total of 39 students submitted appeal requests. Pursuant to the Board's appeal process, the A-F categories for these schools shall remain embargoed until the Attorney General's office completes its review of the appeal request and the Board votes on the final determination of the appeal.

Therefore, the Department recommends the State Board place schools in the A-F categories based on the Department's findings for the 2017 school year.