



MEMORANDUM

TO: Indiana State Board of Education

FROM: Dana L. Long, Legal Counsel 

Re: Amended Governing Body Selection Plan:
Board of School Trustees, Concord Community Schools

DATE: April 23, 2012

The Board of School Trustees, Concord Community Schools, has submitted the attached Resolution to amend its governing body selection to comply with the requirements of P.L. 179-2011, Sec. 21.

The plan as submitted satisfies the requirements of I.C. 20-23-8 and is recommended for approval by the State Board of Education pursuant to I.C. 20-23-8-15.

Enclosures

cc. File

**CONCORD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
GOVERNING BODY SELECTION PLAN**

The Governing Body Selection Plan for Concord Community Schools (the "School Corporation") is necessary to maintain fair representation of residency districts on the Board of School Trustees.

Number of Board Members and Term of Office

The number of members of the Board of Trustees of the School Corporation shall be five. Board members are seated by having at least two Board members from each residency district and no more than three from any one District.

The term of office shall be four years, but a board member may succeed himself or herself in office. A board member's term shall begin on January 1 following the election at which the member was elected and end on December 31 of the fourth year of the member's term.

Election Nonpartisan

The election of said Board shall be held at the general election at which county officials are elected. The members of the Board shall be elected on a nonpartisan ballot and shall be voted upon by all voters residing within the School Corporation. Candidates shall complete and file with the Clerk of the Elkhart County Circuit Court, the form of nomination available from the School Corporation.

School Board Member Districts

There shall be two school board member residency districts. District 1 and District 2 are more particularly described as follows:

District 1 - (West Side/South Side Districts) Bounded on the North by the Elkhart City Limits as of March 31, 1966; on the South by the township line (County Road 28); on the West by State Road 19 and on the East and North by the Conrail Railroad right-of-way.

District 2 - (East Side/Ox Bow Districts) The balance of Concord Township outside the city limits of Elkhart, Indiana as those city limits existed on March 31, 1966.

Board Member Eligibility Requirements

1. Must have resided in Indiana for at least two years.
2. Must have resided in the School Corporation district and their residency district for at least one year before the election.
3. Must be a registered voter; and
4. Must not have a relative who is employed by the School Corporation. For the purpose of this plan, the term "relative" shall mean the candidate's or member's descendants, parents, spouse and the spouse's descendants.

Effective Date/Transition

1. This Plan is amended and restated and shall be effective for elections held in 2012 and thereafter.
2. The term of office for existing board members as of July 1, 2011 shall be extended in accordance with Indiana law due to the change in this Plan providing for election of board members at a general rather than a primary election.