

MEMORANDUM

To: State Board Members

From: Becky Bowman, State Board Administrator

Date: December 28, 2011

Subject: IPS Board Member Districts

Indiana Code 20-25-3-4(f) requires the State Board to establish the board member districts for the Indianapolis Public School Board of School Commissioners. The population of each district, to the extent practicable, is to be equal, and the population of the largest district cannot exceed that of the smallest district by more than 5%. The 2010 census establishes that the population of the largest board member district exceeds the population of the smallest district by 9%. As a result, the State Board must redraw board member districts to comply with the statute. The new district boundaries must be finalized no later than early July to allow candidates to timely file for the November 2012 general election.

IPS is currently working on a redistricting proposal for the Board's consideration. The Department seeks the Board's approval and direction to convene a committee of community partners to work with DOE staff to prepare a proposal as well.