

# MAKING GRADE

## Governor Pence's Education Agenda

**For Indiana to continue to prosper, education must work for all of our students. We will accomplish that by funding excellence, expanding choice, and fixing what's broken.**

 **GOAL:** By 2020 Indiana will have 100,000 more students in high-quality (B or better) schools.

 **GOAL:** By 2020 Indiana will have a five-fold increase in high school graduates with an industry-recognized credential.

### FREEDOM TO TEACH

Schools are subject to a variety of restrictions that make it challenging for them to innovate and focus resources on student learning. Freedom to Teach school districts will receive waivers from certain laws and regulations, which will be granted by the local school board. Schools in these districts will have the freedom to allocate more resources to the classroom and pay their great teachers more.

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### CAREER-READY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Investing in career and technical education and moving to a combination of enrollment- and performance-based funding will better prepare our students for success whether they pursue college or careers right out of high school.

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### PRE-K PROMISE

Getting our kids an early start on success is critical. We will fund the On My Way pre-K pilot program scholarships at \$10 million a year for each of the next two years. The General Assembly authorized state funds for pre-K scholarships in the last legislative session for the first time ever.

### TEACHER PERFORMANCE GRANT

We will increase teacher performance funding by 10 percent over the biennium to reward K-12 teachers for student achievement and academic excellence.

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### FAIRNESS IN FUNDING

On average, public charter and voucher schools are funded at lower levels than traditional public schools. Adding a new grant to the school funding formula for charter schools, removing the cap on Choice Scholarships, and expanding the related tax credit will increase quality choices for families in Indiana.

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### TRANSFORMATION ZONES

To fix chronically failing schools, the State Board of Education will grant school corporations and external school operators the flexibility needed to implement bold plans for significantly improving student and school performance.