



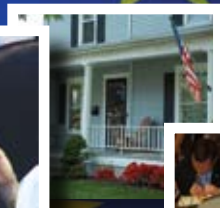
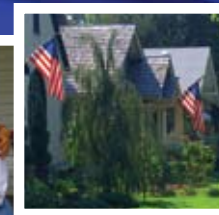
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

**Jeff Thompson**

200 W. WASHINGTON STREET • INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

# 2009 Legislative Wrap-Up

PRSR STD  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
INDIANA HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES



# 2009 Legislative Wrap-Up

PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE

STATE REPRESENTATIVE JEFF THOMPSON  
200 W. WASHINGTON ST.  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204

What important issues are facing our community today in your opinion?

Please feel free to e-mail me your thoughts to [h28@iga.in.gov](mailto:h28@iga.in.gov), post your comments on my Web site at [www.in.gov/h28](http://www.in.gov/h28), or return this card with your comments below.

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

Sign me up for your e-mail updates.

E-mail

Phone

**If you would like to subscribe to my online newsletter, please go to my Web site at**

**<http://www.in.gov/h28>**

## Taxpayers are Winners in New State Budget

I believe the new state budget, based on solid common-sense principles, is a success for Hoosier taxpayers and public education.

*Although the budget is a bipartisan compromise, with all 48 House Republicans voting for it, House Republican principles remained an important influence. It is a success, I believe, because:*

- It contains no general tax increases.
- It maintains at least \$1 billion in state reserves.
- It uses one-time federal stimulus money responsibly, including statewide infrastructure and university construction projects.
- It does not deplete trust funds or other dedicated money for operating expenses.

Gov. Mitch Daniels, along with House and Senate Republicans, outlined those standards early in the process and did not waver. While many states are cutting overall education spending, raising taxes or both, this budget does neither. It even promises more support for education through additional funding. In addition, the "education trigger" would allot 50 percent of state revenue to education when income exceeds revenue projections.

*Statewide public education receives what I believe is solid support during these tough fiscal times:*

- K-12 education gained an average increase of 1.1 percent in calendar year 2010 and 0.3 percent in calendar year 2011.
- The budget fully funds K-12 anticipated enrollment increases at rapidly growing public schools.
- The Ivy Tech Community College network was given enhanced support, and bonding is authorized to fund 38 university capital projects throughout the state, including Indiana University Southeast, Purdue University and Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.
- The state's higher education scholarship grants program receives increases of 6 percent in fiscal year 2010 and 3 percent in fiscal year 2011.

I believe this is the right budget for Indiana right now, and that's why I voted for it.



Rep. Thompson confers with Rep. Bruce Borders.



Rep. Thompson studies legislation.

### Helping at-risk students

The School Dropout Prevention Fund will help school officials both identify students at risk of dropping out and work with the students so they can earn their high school diplomas. More than 9,000 Hoosier students drop out of high school every year, severely limiting their chances for a successful adulthood.

### Helping young drivers

This new law limits distractions for our newest, most inexperienced drivers by banning drivers under 18 from using a cell phone or texting, except for emergency calls, while driving. The law also includes limits on young drivers carrying passengers. Fewer distractions and more supervised practice will save teens' lives and make our roads safer for everyone.

### Self-directed care

People participating in the Medicaid waiver and CHOICE home care programs now have the option of self-directed care. They can receive assistance in moving from a nursing facility to a residential setting in their community. This law will benefit many Hoosiers who do not need around-the-clock care, but still need care on a limited basis.

### Help for children of military families

Indiana is now part of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, which eases school and medical record transfers for children in military families. Because military families might move several times during a student's schooling, this will facilitate their timely graduations.

# Jeff Thompson

State Representative • House District 28



Important Contact Information for Representative Jeff Thompson

Statehouse Office:  
800-382-9841  
317-232-9619

Home phone:  
317-994-6239

E-mail Address:  
[h28@iga.in.gov](mailto:h28@iga.in.gov)

Web site:  
[www.in.gov/h28](http://www.in.gov/h28)

Mailing Address:  
200 W.  
Washington St.  
Indianapolis, IN  
46204