



# INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**July 9, 2014**

## **Resolution Establishing a Committee on School Turnaround**

WHEREAS, pursuant to IC 20-31-8, 20-31-9, and 20-31-9.5, the Indiana State Board of Education ("SBOE") has the authority to intervene in schools according to their performance as measured by Indiana's A-F school accountability system;

WHEREAS, schools that fall under SBOE intervention are statutorily defined as "turnaround academies" under IC 20-31-9.5;

WHEREAS, there are ongoing SBOE-directed interventions at nine (9) turnaround academies across the state;

WHEREAS, the SBOE is scheduled to hold public hearings in July and August 2014 at four (4) additional schools that may require SBOE intervention in the fall of 2014;

WHEREAS, the SBOE first took action under IC 20-31-8, 20-31-9 and 20-31-9.5 in 2011, and has not conducted a comprehensive study of these interventions; and

WHEREAS, a review of these interventions, as well as best practices in school turnaround, will benefit Indiana students, families, educators, schools, and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SBOE hereby creates a Committee on School Turnarounds ("Committee");

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Committee shall consist of Mr. Dan Elsener, Mr. Tony Walker, and Ms. Sarah O'Brien, and shall be chaired by Mr. Elsener;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Committee shall be staffed by the Center for Education & Career Innovation ("CECI"), which shall in turn partner with staff from the Indiana Department of Education ("Department");

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department shall provide data and other information to assist the work of the Committee;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, CECI may contract with third-party experts to assist with the SBOE's review and analysis of school turnaround best practices;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Committee shall seek to do the following:

- Analyze the progress made by current turnaround academies in Indiana, and develop lessons learned to date;

- Benchmark with other states that have overseen school turnaround activities and consult with third-party experts regarding school turnaround best practices;
- Review and develop exit strategies for Indiana turnaround academies where appropriate;
- Assess potential future interventions in Indiana schools and utilize lessons learned from past and present interventions to develop recommendations;
- Provide, project, and recommend future staffing support for school turnaround oversight;
- Provide recommendations on school turnarounds, including possible action items, to the SBOE;
- Provide a final report to the SBOE in November 2014; and
- Make recommendations on school turnarounds to the Legislature and Governor for legislative consideration.

ADOPTED ON: July 9, 2014