



INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Staff

RE: Rulemaking for Summer School/Intersession Funding

DATE: May 27, 2015

I. Recommendation To Initiate Rulemaking on Funding for Summer Intersessions

Staff supports the Chair's motion to initiate rulemaking to amend the current summer school funding rule to give flexibility to schools to utilize summer school program funds within the school calendar year.

II. The State Board Establishes the Formula for Summer School Funding

State law requires the Board to adopt rules providing "the state distribution formula for any money appropriated by the general assembly for summer school education."¹ The Board's current rule containing the summer school funding formula does not encompass use of summer school funding during the school year.

¹ Ind. Code § 20-30-7-1(2).

III. The Rulemaking Process Should Take a Few Months Only

The entire rulemaking process should take about six months, and no more than a year. Once rulemaking has been initiated by the Board, Board staff will seek input from the Department of Education and then provide to the Board, at a future Board meeting, a draft of proposed rule language and policy guidance on the rule. At that time, the Board will need to do one of two things: (1) approve the proposed rule language for public hearing, or (2) amend the proposed language and then approve the amended language for public hearing. A public hearing will then be scheduled on the proposed language to solicit public input. Based on public input, the rule may be amended again and brought back to the Board for final approval. After the Board's final approval, the rule will be submitted to the Indiana Attorney General for final approval by that office.