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## **Gary Community School Corporation Emergency Manager RFI Re-Issued**

**INDIANAPOLIS** (May 26, 2017) – The Distressed Unit Appeal Board (“DUAB”) has issued a request for information (“RFI”) for individuals or companies interested in providing emergency manager services for Gary Community School Corporation. Request for Information 17-111 is a re-issue of the previously released RFI 17-096 and includes additional information and emergency manager expectations that were added to Senate Enrolled Act 567 after the issuance of RFI 17-096.

These changes include the following:

- DUAB’s process for selection of an emergency manager must include an interview of a resident of Gary if possible.
- The emergency manager will be expected to evaluate outstanding debt and make recommendations as to possible restructuring of certain debts.
- The emergency manager will work with the fiscal management board in providing updates to the Gary community on the emergency management process.
- The emergency manager will employ a chief financial officer and a chief academic officer for Gary Community School Corporation. The emergency manager must interview residents of Gary for these positions if possible. More information on these positions will be made available after the appointment of the emergency manager.
- The emergency manager will be expected to work with the City of Gary prior to sale or transfer of property of Gary Community School Corporation.

The issuance of the updated RFI will allow all respondents to know the full scope of the project and will allow all interested candidates the opportunity to respond.

Senate Enrolled Act 567 designated Gary Community School Corporation as a distressed political subdivision. It specifies that an emergency manager is to be appointed by DUAB to provide fiscal and academic management for the school corporation. Further details on SEA 567 may be found at: <https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2017/bills/senate/567>.

The RFI can be found on the Indiana Department of Administration’s webpage at <http://www.in.gov/idoa/proc/bids/RFI-17-111/>. Responses to the RFI are due by June 16, 2017. The DUAB will evaluate the responses and anticipates appointing the emergency manager in July.

Respondents who had responded to the previous RFI for these services are encouraged to resubmit a response.