2021 NEXT LEVEL AGENDA
GOVERNOR ERIC HOLCOMB

ECONOMY
• PASS THE STATE’S 9TH STRAIGHT BALANCED BUDGET (LEGISLATION)
• EXPAND IEDC’S SUCCESSFUL MANUFACTURING READINESS GRANTS
• STAY ON TRACK TO TRIPLE DEFENSE INVESTMENT BY 2025
• INCREASE EFFORTS TO MAKE INDIANA A DESTINATION

INFRASTRUCTURE
BROADBAND
• ENHANCE NATION-LEADING NEXT LEVEL CONNECTIONS BROADBAND PROGRAM (LEGISLATION)

ROADS
• TAKE CARE OF WHAT WE HAVE AND FINISH WHAT WE’VE STARTED
• COMPLETE I-69 SECTION 6
• OBTAIN RECORD OF DECISION FOR EVANSVILLE I-69 BRIDGE
• CONTINUE LONG-TERM PLANNING FOR U.S. 31 AND U.S. 30

RAIL
• BUILD WEST LAKE CORRIDOR
• FINALIZE FEDERAL FUNDING AGREEMENT TO DOUBLE TRACK SOUTH SHORE

TRAILS AND TREES
• AWARD 2ND ROUND OF NEXT LEVEL TRAILS SUBJECT TO FUNDING AVAILABILITY
• CONTINUE EFFORTS TO PLANT 1 MILLION MORE TREES ACROSS THE STATE

HOUSING
• CONDUCT STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT OF THE STATE’S HOUSING INVENTORY
EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

EDUCATION FUNDING
• EXTEND 100 PERCENT FUNDING FOR K-12 SCHOOLS FOR REMAINDER OF SCHOOL YEAR (LEGISLATION)
• INCREASE K-12 FUNDING IN NEXT BIENNIAL BUDGET (BUDGET)
• AT A MINIMUM, RESTORE HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING (BUDGET)

SECRETARY OF EDUCATION
• MOVE OPERATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION & INDIANA CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (BUDGET)
• REVIEW AND REDUCE UNFUNDED MANDATES
• BEGIN ASSESSMENT OF EARLY LEARNING EXPANSION, ACCOUNTABILITY, TRANSPARENCY, VIRTUAL LEARNING
• ATTRACT TOP TEACHER TALENT, BUILD CAPACITY, IMPROVE MINORITY TEACHER RECRUITMENT

• REVIEW AND CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE NEXT LEVEL TEACHER COMPENSATION COMMISSION REPORT
• RETAIN MORE HIGHER EDUCATION GRADUATES IN INDIANA
  • CONNECT MORE HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS TO WORK EXPERIENCES WITH INDIANA COMPANIES
• INCREASE MINORITY PARTICIPATION IN WORKFORCE READY AND EMPLOYER GRANT PROGRAMS

VETERANS
• RECRUIT SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS TO BECOME PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS IN INDIANA (LG)

PUBLIC HEALTH
• PROVIDE REASONABLE WORKPLACE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PREGNANT WORKERS (LEGISLATION)
• MOVE TO A LONG-TERM CARE SYSTEM THAT ENSURES THE BEST CARE FOR MEDICAID-ELIGIBLE CITIZENS 65 AND OLDER
• BEGIN A COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND STATE DELIVERY OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES, USING WHAT WE’VE LEARNED DURING THE PANDEMIC
GOOD GOVERNMENT

- PERMANENTLY EXPAND USE OF TELEMEDICINE SERVICES (LEGISLATION)
- EXPAND VIRTUAL OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS (LEGISLATION)
- PROVIDE BUSINESSES AND SCHOOLS WITH CORONAVIRUS LIABILITY PROTECTION (LEGISLATION)
- REMOVE BARRIERS FOR HOOSIERS TO REINSTATE THEIR DRIVER’S LICENSE (LEGISLATION)
- IMPROVE SERVICES AND INCREASE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE STATE’S MINORITY POPULATIONS
  - COORDINATE EFFORTS THROUGH THE NEW CHIEF EQUITY, INCLUSION AND OPPORTUNITY OFFICER
  - EQUIP INDIANA STATE POLICE WITH BODY CAMERAS BY SPRING 2021
  - ESTABLISH THE STATE’S FIRST EQUITY DATA DASHBOARD
  - COMPLETE OUTSIDE REVIEW OF STATE’S LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY AND AGENCIES

“CIVILITY ISN’T JUST AN END IN ITSELF, IT’S NOT RHETORICAL, IT’S PRACTICE. IT’S ABOUT FORGING A TEAM, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF DIVERSE TALENTS AND IDEAS, AND GETTING THINGS DONE. THAT’S HOW WE, ALL OF US, WILL TAKE INDIANA AND OUR LIVES TO THE NEXT LEVEL.”

- GOVERNOR ERIC HOLCOMB