



Indiana Department of Education

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

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To: Indiana State Ethics Commission

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RE: IDOE filing of travel ethics waiver

- A. IDOE employees: Dr. Katie Jenner – Secretary of Education
- B. Nature and value of the gift: All travel costs for Dr. Jenner, including travel to and from the airport, airfare to Cary, North Carolina, hotel accommodation for two nights, and meals during travel days. Travel will occur September 25-27, 2023. Another travel occurred on August 8, 2023, for the Hunt-Kean Leadership Fellows Program in San Diego. Approximate cumulative value of the travel for Dr. Jenner: \$3000.
- C. The donor of the gift: The Hunt Institute, non-profit organization committed to improving education nationwide, headquartered in Cary, North Carolina. IDOE currently has a contractual relationship with The Hunt Institute as it provides IDOE with advisory services.
- D. Statement on public interest: The Hunt Institute, is a leader is provided research, technical expertise, and learning opportunities to empower all levels of educators to drive equitable reforms for education. And who's expertise in the Science of Reading, research and policy analysis is unparalleled in the country. IDOE has a partnership with the Hunt Institute regarding the Science of Reading, and Dr. Jenner's work in leadership is critical to that mission. This work, in addition to state level initiatives will ensure that 95% of students will read on level by grade 3 by 2027. These leadership events provide Dr. Jenner with the opportunity to meet with other state leaders to discuss the challenges to build a pipeline for future education executives, as well as to explore education policies that are currently pressing across the country. To ensure maximum participation in the review and decision-making processes, and to facilitate in-person discussions among state academic directors, The Hunt Institute is covering travel costs. Allowing The Hunt Institute to pay for certain travel expenses related to IDOE's academic leads, all of whom are responsible for the leadership of IDOE and for overseeing the implementation of the Science of Reading in Indiana, allows IDOE's state funds to be expended on the development, administration, and resources associated with hands on implementation in Indiana schools, rather than travel.

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