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**ETHICS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – DECISIONS AND VOTING**  
State Form 55860 (R / 10-15)  
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL  
IC 4-2-6-9

In accordance with IC 4-2-6-9, you must file your disclosure with the State Ethics Commission no later than seven (7) days after the conduct that gives rise to the conflict. You must also include a copy of the notification provided to your agency appointing authority and ethics officer when filing this disclosure. This disclosure will be posted on the Inspector General's website.

Name <i>(last)</i> Bertram	Name <i>(first)</i> Vince	Name <i>(middle)</i>
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Describe the conflict of interest:  
 Dr. Bertram currently serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of Project Lead The Way (PLTW), a non-profit organization headquartered in Indianapolis that provides science, technology, engineering and math curricula programs nationwide. During the Board's July 11th, 2018, business meeting, a consent agenda item titled "2018-19 CTE Pathways Plans" was presented to the Board for discussion and vote. The decision regarding this agenda item will impact the courses that are available to complete CTE pathways. A number of the courses offered to complete CTE pathways are provided by PLTW. Given Dr. Bertram's status as President and Chief Executive Officer of PLTW, he chose to recuse himself from the discussion and vote to avoid any potential conflict of interest arising from the vote.

Additionally, during the Board's Board's July 11th, 2018, business meeting, an action agenda item titled "Resolution: Graduation Pathways Policy Guidance" was presented to the Board for discussion and vote. This document provides guidance regarding the courses and methods that school corporations may use to ensure students complete Graduation Pathway requirements. This document specifically references courses offered by PLTW as options to complete various Graduation Pathway requirements. Given Dr. Bertram's status as as President and Chief Executive Officer of PLTW, he chose to recuse himself from the discussion and vote to avoid any potential conflict of interest.

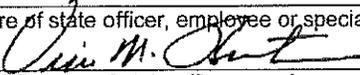
Describe the screen established by your ethics officer: *(Attach additional pages as needed.)*

The Board's ethics officer routinely reviews all materials presented to the Board to identify potential conflicts of interest for Board members. Additionally, Board members are required to engage in ethics training on a regular basis as required by state law. This training ensures Board members are able to identify potential ethics issues that may arise in their official capacity as special state appointees.

**AFFIRMATION**

Your signature below affirms that your disclosures on this form are true, complete, and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief. In addition to this form, you have attached a copy of your written disclosure to your agency appointing authority and ethics officer.

Signature of state officer, employee or special state appointee



Date signed (month, day, year)

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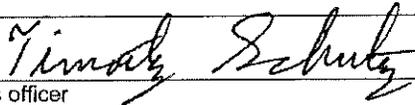
Printed full name of state officer, employee or special state appointee

Dr. Vince Bertram

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Your signature below affirms that you have reviewed this disclosure form and that it is true, complete, and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief. You also attest that your agency has implemented the screen described above.

Signature of ethics officer



Date signed (month, day, year)

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Printed full name of ethics officer

Timothy A. Schultz

**From:** Vince Bertram  
**To:** [Schultz, Timothy A](#); [Voors, Matthew \(Matt\)](#)  
**Subject:** Recusal  
**Date:** Monday, July 9, 2018 10:43:47 PM

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Dear Matt and Tim,

Given my role as President and Chief Executive Officer at Project Lead The Way, I intend to recuse myself from two votes at the July 11, 2018 State Board of Education meeting that explicitly mention PLTW programs.

These items include: 1. 2018-19 CTE Pathways Plans, and 2. Resolution: Graduation Pathways Guidance.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you!

Vince

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**From:** Schultz, Timothy A  
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**To:** IG Info  
**Cc:** Cooper, Jennifer; Voors, Matthew (Matt); Bertram, Vincent M  
**Subject:** Conflict of Interest – Decisions and Voting - Recusal Disclosure Form (Dr. Bertram)  
**Attachments:** Signed Disclosure Form - Copy.pdf

Good afternoon:

Please find attached a disclosure statement pertaining to a member of the Indiana State Board of Education who recently recused himself from a vote/discussion.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

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