



**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

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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 (last) Mote	Name (first) Kathleen	Name (middle)	
Name of office or agency Indiana State Board of Education		Job title Board Member - Vice Chair	
Address of office (number and street) 143 West Market Street		City Indianapolis	ZIP code 46204
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Describe the conflict of interest:  
Ms. Mote is currently employed by Project Lead the Way ("PLTW"), a non-profit organization headquartered in Indianapolis that provides science, technology, engineering, and math programs nationwide. PLTW creates programs and curriculum that assists students in developing in-demand, transportable skills such as problem solving, critical and creative thinking, collaboration, and communication. PLTW provides teachers with professional development and the continual support and resources they need to implement the program with fidelity to the engaging activity, project, and problem-based instructional design models.

Indiana Code Sec. 4-2-6-9 states in relevant part:  
(a) A state officer, an employee, or a special state appointee may not participate in any decision or vote, or matter relating to that decision or vote, if the state officer, employee, or special state appointee has knowledge that any of the following has a financial interest in the outcome of the matter:

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(3) A business organization in which the state officer, employee, or special state appointee is serving as an officer, a director, a member, a trustee, a partner, or an employee.

During the May 13, 2020, Board meeting, two agenda items labeled "D. 2020-2021 Elementary and Middle Level Subject Descriptions" and "G. Baseline Reset: Needmore Elementary, North Lawrence Community Schools" were on the Board's consent agenda for a vote. Agenda item D included a recommendation regarding the approval of new courses, including career and technical education courses similar to those offered by PLTW. Additionally, Agenda item G included a request from a school for an accountability baseline reset, the justification for

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 which relied in part on the school corporation's decision to make a significant change in the curriculum being offered at that school. The significant change in curriculum included the school's addition of certain PLTW courses. Because both consent agenda items pertained to programs and curriculum offered by PLTW, Ms. Mote recused herself from voting on the above referenced agenda items.

The Board's ethics officer routinely reviews all material before it is 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 <i>Katie Mote</i>	Date signed (month, day, year) 5/19/2020
Printed full name of state officer, employee or special state appointee Katie Mote	

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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 <i>Chad E. Ranney</i>	Date signed (month, day, year) 5/19/2020
Printed full name of ethics officer Chad E. Ranney	

**From:** [Ranney, Chad E](#)  
**To:** [Murphy, Brian \(SBOE\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Ethics Disclosure - Baseline Reset & Course Descriptions - Recusal from Vote  
**Date:** Thursday, May 28, 2020 1:14:00 PM  
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Brian,

Please see the info below. As you're now aware, Katie recused herself from the vote at the meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

**Chad E. Ranney**  
General Counsel  
Sr. Director – Policy & Legislative Affairs

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**From:** Ranney, Chad E  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 12:10 PM  
**To:** [kmote@pltw.org](mailto:kmote@pltw.org)  
**Subject:** Ethics Disclosure - Baseline Reset & Course Descriptions - Recusal from Vote

Good afternoon, Katie.

I just spoke with Brian, and he mentioned that you plan on recusing yourself from the votes on Consent Agenda Item D (2020-2021 Elementary and Middle Level Subject Descriptions) and Consent Agenda Item G (Baseline Reset: Needmore Elementary) during tomorrow's meeting. Once I get your disclosure form finished up, I'll send it over for your review and signature.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

**Chad E. Ranney**

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