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**ETHICS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – DECISIONS AND VOTING**
State Form 55880 (R / 10-16)
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 (last) Watts		Name (first) Brian		Name (middle) J.	
Name of office or agency Indiana State Board of Education			Job title Board Member-Chair		
Address of office (number and street) 143 West Market Street			City Indianapolis		ZIP code 46204
Office telephone number (317) 232-2000		Office e-mail address (required) sboe_comment@sboe.in.gov			
Describe the conflict of interest: Mr. Watts is currently employed as the Executive Director of Opportunities through Partnerships that Transform & Inspire, which is affiliated with the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation ("EVSC"). The OptIN program is a college and career readiness program that partners with local business and community agencies. The OptIN program provides a unique approach to increase future career and engagement opportunities for EVSC students.					
IC 4-2-6-9 (Conflict of economic interest; commission advisory opinions; disclosure statement; written determinations) 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: ***					
(3) A business organization in which the state officer, employee, or special state appointee is serving as an officer, director, a member, a trustee, a partner, or an employee. During the June 5, 2019, Board meeting, an agenda item labeled "E. Turnaround Academy Funds Distribution: i. Evansville" was presented on the Board's action agenda for a vote. Due to Mr. Watts' affiliation with EVSC, when the Board reached the the action, Mr. Watts recused himself from the vote and discussion.					
Additionally, during the same meeting there was a discussion item identified as "Turnaround Academy Update: i. Evansville." Although this discussion item is separate from the "Funds Distribution" action item, this discussion does pertain to the same entity that received the funds and may include discussion regarding how the funds allocated by the Board will be utilized. Therefore, Mr. Watts left the room and did not participate in the discussion.					

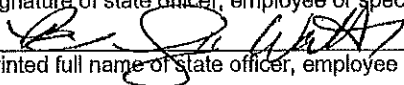
Describe the screen established by your ethics officer: (Attach additional pages as needed.)

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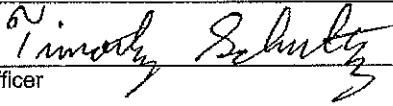
Printed full name of state officer, employee or special state appointee

Brian J. Watts

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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)

6/5/19

Printed full name of ethics officer

Timothy A. Schultz

Schultz, Timothy A

From: Watts, BJ <bj.watts@evsck12.com>
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2019 12:32 PM
To: Schultz, Timothy A; Kwiatkowski, Lee A (GOV)
Cc: Murphy, Brian (SBOE)
Subject: Notice

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Good morning:

Please let this email serve as notice that I intend to recuse myself from the vote and discussion regarding the Evansville turnaround agenda items during the June 5th, 2019, Board meeting.

Thank you.

B. J.

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Thank you,

B. J. Watts

OptIN Executive Director

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"If you can't figure out your purpose, figure out your passion. For your passion will lead you right into your purpose." T. D. Jakes

