

INDIANA SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Advocacy for ISBVI Administration Policy

Policy O-04

This policy authorizes the ISBVI Superintendent and the Superintendent's designees to appropriately promote, support, and advocate for the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired according to this policy and the guidelines established from this policy. For purposes of this policy, "advocacy activities" include fundraising and public, community, and government relations.

This policy requires the ISBVI Superintendent and the Superintendent's designees to 1) exercise good professional judgment in advocacy activities 2) protect and advance the positive image and reputation of ISBVI; and 3) discuss with and receive approval from the ISBVI Board Chair before implementation of any advocacy initiatives related to or involving a) ISBVI Board issues; b) the Indiana General Assembly; or c) any sensitive topic or situation. For advocacy activities related to elected officials, the ISBVI Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee will comply with the advocacy guidelines for state agencies after discussing the advocacy activity with, and receiving approval from, the ISBVI Board Chair.

The ISBVI Board directs the ISBVI Superintendent to ensure staff compliance with this policy by:

- 1) Developing ISBVI Administrative Directives and Procedures for this policy;
- 2) Providing ISBVI employees, contractors, and volunteers with a copy of this policy and the Administrative Directives and Procedures documenting their awareness and receipt of this policy.

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ISBVI Superintendent: _____ **Date** _____

ISBVI Board Chair: _____ **Date** _____