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Gov. Holcomb on HUD Secretary Ben Carson's Visit to East Chicago

Today Governor Eric J. Holcomb, Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch and Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority Executive Director Jacob Sipe welcomed U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson, U.S. Senator Joe Donnelly, U.S. Senator Todd Young, U.S. Rep. Pete Visclosky, East Chicago Mayor Anthony Copeland, state officials and lawmakers, East Chicago officials, residents and community leaders to the former Carrie Gosch Elementary School on the USS Lead superfund site.

Gov. Holcomb offered the following statement regarding the day's visit:

"It speaks volumes that Dr. Carson made northwest Indiana one of his first stops as HUD Secretary to listen to the perspectives of East Chicago residents. We have so many assets in the Region – location, infrastructure, ports and more – but the absolute most important assets are our people, our neighborhoods and our communities. We will remain laser-focused on working together at the local, state and federal levels to ensure we continue down the right path."



Photo 1: IHCDCA Exec. Dir. Sipe addresses the group of local, state and federal officials at the former Carrie Gosch Elementary School on the USS Lead superfund site.



Photo 2: HUD Secretary Carson, Gov. Holcomb, Lt. Gov. Crouch and other local, state and federal officials meet with residents to hear their perspectives and updates about the USS Lead superfund site in East Chicago.



Photo 3: Gov. Holcomb answers questions about the USS Lead Superfund Site in East Chicago. Behind him pictured left to right: Mayor Anthony Copeland, Rep. Visclosky, Sen. Young, Sen. Donnelly, HUD Sec. Carson and Lt. Gov. Crouch.



Photo 4: HUD Secretary Carson, Gov. Holcomb, Lt. Gov. Crouch as well as other local, state and federal officials participate in a roundtable to discuss the USS Lead superfund site in East Chicago.

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