

INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Committee on School Turnarounds: Proposed Work Plan

August 21, 2014

Committee's Scope of Work

- Analyze the progress made by current turnaround academies in Indiana, and develop lessons learned to date;
- Benchmark with other states that have overseen school turnaround activities and consult with third-party experts regarding school turnaround best practices;
- Review and develop exit strategies for Indiana turnaround academies where appropriate;
- Assess potential future interventions in Indiana schools and utilize lessons learned from past and present interventions to develop recommendations;
- Provide, project, and recommend future staffing support for school turnaround oversight;
- Provide recommendations on school turnarounds, including possible action items, to the SBOE;
- Provide a final report to the SBOE in November 2014; and
- Make recommendations on school turnarounds to the Legislature and Governor for legislative consideration



Affected Parties To Be Consulted by Committee

- Superintendents of school corporations in which the Board has intervened: Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation, Gary Community School Corporation, Indianapolis Public Schools
- Turnaround School Operators: Charter Schools USA, Edison Learning, Tindley Schools
- Lead Partners: TNTP (in-person discussion), Amplify, Scholastic, and Voyager (staff research)
- School Oversight Entities: Indianapolis Mayor's Office of Education Innovation, Indiana Department of Education Office of Outreach



Recommended Meeting Frequency and Locations

- Four meetings in August through October, concluding with a final presentation to the full Board at the November 5, 2014 meeting
- Meeting locations: Indianapolis, Gary, Evansville
- NOTE: additional meetings may be added at the direction of the Committee.



Meeting 2 - September 19, 2014

- Location: Gary
- Presentation by Gary Community Turnaround School Operator: Edison
 - Successes, transition challenges, operating challenges
 - Recommended policy, oversight and resource allocation improvements
 - Transition plans and timing
- Presentations by Gary Community School Corporation
 - Transition challenges, operating challenges
 - Recommended policy and resource allocation improvements



Meeting 2 - September 19, 2014

- National Perspective on School Turnaround Best Practices
- Facilitated Committee Discussion of Lessons Learned: TSO Model
 - What have we learned?
 - What have we done to help our Indiana students?
 - Are the Board's expectations being met thus far? If not, what should be changed?
 - Has support and oversight been sufficient? If not, what should be changed?



Meeting 3 - October 9, 2014

- Presentation by IPS
 - Detailed Arlington transition plan
- Presentation by Tindley
 - Detailed Arlington transition plan
- Presentation by CSUSA
 - Detailed petition for relief plan: Emma Donnan, Howe, Manual
- Presentation by Indianapolis Mayor's Office
 - Assessment of Arlington transition plan
 - Assessment of CSUSA's plan
- Facilitated Committee Discussion
 - Arlington transition plan
 - Response to CSUSA's petitions to CSUSA's petitions



Meeting 4 - October 22, 2014

Location: Evansville

- Presentation by Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation on Transformation Zone
- Presentation by Mass Insight on work with EVSC
- Facilitated Committee Discussion of Lessons Learned: Lead Partner Model
 - What have we learned?
 - What have we done to help our Indiana students?
 - Are the Board's expectations being met thus far? If not, what should be changed?
 - Has support and oversight sufficient? If not, what should be changed?



Meeting 4 - October 22, 2014

National Expert Recommendations:

- Arlington
- TSO and Lead Partner exit strategies generally
- School turnaround policy and resource allocation modifications for Indiana
- Facilitated Committee Discussion
 - Finalize recommendations regarding Arlington
 - Finalize response to CSUSA petition for relief
 - Finalize recommendations regarding:
 - TSO and Lead Partner exit strategies generally
 - School turnaround policy and resource allocation modifications for Indizerra



November 5, 2014 SBOE Regular Business Meeting

Report submitted to SBOE

Resolution for recommended action

