

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Indiana State Board of Education  
**FROM:** Office of Accountability, Indiana Department of Education  
**RE:** Placement of Schools and Corporations in 2019-2020 A-F Grades  
**DATE:** October 7, 2020

Public Law 2-2020, signed into law by Governor Holcomb on February 12, 2020, requires that a school or school corporation’s A-F letter grade for the 2019-2020 school year may not be lower than that school or school corporation’s A-F letter grade for the 2017-2018 or 2018-2019 school year. In order to determine the final 2019-2020 A-F grade for each school, the Indiana Department of Education (Department) compared each school’s 2017-2018 grade, 2018-2019 grade, and 2019-2020 grade, as calculated pursuant to 511 IAC 6.2-10, and assigned the better grade received by the school between these three school years. Schools received all performance and accountability data for the 2019-2020 school year regardless of the hold harmless application.

The cancellation of the Spring 2020 administration of the statewide assessments directly impacted the ability to calculate A-F letter grades for the 2019-2020 school year. The following table indicates the data used to generate A-F letter grades for the 2019-2020 school year.

| <b>Dataset for 2019-2020 A-F Grades</b>       |   |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|
|   | <b>Performance Domain</b>                             | <b>Growth Domain</b>                               | <b>Multiple Measures Domain</b>  |
| <b>Elementary/Middle Schools (Grades K-8)</b> | 2018-2019 ILEARN proficiency & participation rates    | 2018-2019 growth scores based on ILEARN results    | N/A  |
| <b>High Schools (Grades 9-12)</b>             | 2018-2019 ISTEP+ 10 proficiency & participation rates | 2018-2019 growth scores based on ISTEP+ 10 results | 2019 cohort for four-year graduation rate & college/career readiness rate; 2018 cohort for five-year improvement score |

The Department recommends that the Indiana State Board of Education official place schools and corporations in the A-F grades reflected on the spreadsheet provided with this memorandum.

| <b>2019-2020 Hold Harmless Grades for Corporations</b> |               |                |
|--|---------------|----------------|
| <b>Grade</b>   | <b>Number</b> | <b>Percent</b> |
| A  | 50            | 17.4%          |
| B  | 163           | 56.6%          |
| C  | 67            | 23.3%          |
| D  | 4             | 1.4%           |
| F  | 2             | 0.7%           |
| No Grade   | 1             | 0.3%           |
| Appeal Pending   | 1             | 0.3%           |

| <b>2019-2020 Hold Harmless Grades for K-12 Schools</b> |               |                |
|--|---------------|----------------|
| <b>Grade</b>   | <b>Number</b> | <b>Percent</b> |
| A  | 680           | 31.7%          |
| B  | 723           | 33.7%          |
| C  | 421           | 19.6%          |
| D  | 171           | 8.0%           |
| F  | 63            | 2.9%           |
| No Grade   | 86            | 4.0%           |
| Appeal Pending   | 3             | 0.1%           |

| <b>2019-2020 Hold Harmless Grades for Adult High Schools</b> |               |                |
|--|---------------|----------------|
| <b>Grade</b>   | <b>Number</b> | <b>Percent</b> |
| A  | 13            | 72.2%          |
| B  | 2             | 11.1%          |
| C  | 0             | 0.0%           |
| D  | 0             | 0.0%           |
| F  | 0             | 0.0%           |
| No Grade   | 2             | 11.1%          |
| Appeal Pending   | 1             | 5.6%           |