



Indiana Department of Education

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

To: Indiana State Board of Education

From: Scott J. Bogan, Director of Higher Education and Educator Preparation Programs

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Subject: New Educator Preparation Provider – Fort Wayne Community Schools (FWCS)

Fort Wayne Community School Corporation administration is seeking to offer their own educator preparation provider (EPP) in special education. The program is designed according to the transition to teaching route for special education preparation. The program, to be known as *Human Capital Management University Transition-to-Teaching* (HCMU T2T) will provide a pathway to train and retain effective special education teachers within the district. Other than textbooks, the cost will be free for those enrolled in the program.

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) recommends that the Indiana State Board of Education grant approval to the following new educator preparation provider (EPP) for a limited period of three years:

Fort Wayne Community Schools (FWCS) – Indiana Educator Preparation Provider

IDOE will continue to monitor the progress of the above program by reviewing all annual state and federal reports required of them, including candidate performance data. Beginning in spring 2025 the department will conduct an annual review of this program and will recommend renewal or nonrenewal after the third year. HCMU will also be included in reviews required of all Indiana EPPs, including those related to science of reading, alignment to standards, national accreditation, etc.