

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Indiana State Board of Education
From: Robin LeClaire, Director of School Improvement
Nathan Williamson, Director of Title Grants & Support
Date: June 13, 2018
RE: Approval of Turnaround Funds Distribution

Introduction:

IC 20-21-9.5-3(c) requires the Department to make a recommendation to the State Board of Education for turnaround schools regarding the amounts of state tuition and federal funds that are necessary to fund school improvement. This memo details the Department's recommendation regarding federal funds for 2018-2019.

I. ESSA

School Improvement Grant (SIG) funding is provided to states as part of the total Title I allocation. The distribution of all Title I money is governed by Indiana's ESSA plan. Per Indiana's ESSA plan, SIG funding may only go to schools identified as Comprehensive Support & Improvement (CSI). The CSI definition requires a school to meet one of the below criteria:

- Lowest-performing 5 percent of all Title I served schools
- Title I schools that receive an 'F' letter grade
- High schools with a graduation rate of 67 percent or less

Per USDOE, no SIG funding may be made available to any school that is not identified as CSI, regardless of any other identification by the state.

2017-2018 will be the first year that schools are identified as CSI. In previous years, school improvement money was distributed to turnaround academies and Title I schools that received a grade of 'F'. Based upon the new, federal accountability metrics in the ESSA plan, and the one-year dip in graduation rates, the Department projects an increase in the number of schools that will qualify for school improvement money. The final number of schools will be determined in October 2018 after the release of accountability grades, but state statute requires the Department to make its recommendation to the Board for turnaround academies prior to July 1. The recommendation by the Department for turnaround academies must be made within the context of all schools eligible for federal SIG funding.

II. Available School Improvement Funding

- Title I total funding for Indiana is approximately \$265 million. Of this amount, approximately \$17.4 million is available for school improvement. This amount is less than the previous fiscal

year of \$18.5 million.

- The total number of schools identified as CSI is determined by adding:

(the lowest-performing 5% of Title schools) *Approximately 108* +
(those schools whose graduation rates dipped below 67%) *Approximately 70* +
(Title I schools identified as ‘F’ under federal ESSA accountability) *This number cannot be determined at this time* =

Total number of CSI schools.

In prior years, the Department had no ESSA plan that dictated how school improvement monies were allocated. The ESSA requirements coupled with the reduction of available SIG funds have formed the basis of the Department’s recommendations.

III. **Recommended Distribution of School Improvement Funding**

Pursuant to Section 1003 of ESSA, the allocation of SIG funds must give priority to LEAs that serve high numbers or percentage of CSI schools and demonstrate the greatest need for such funds as determined by Indiana’s ESSA plan, and demonstrate the strongest commitment to using SIG funds to enable the lowest-performing schools to improve. Indiana’s ESSA plan meets the requirements by the following:

- **Planning Grant:** Indiana’s ESSA plan requires first-year CSI schools to at least receive a planning grant. In 2018-2019, all CSI schools are in their first year, and will be eligible for a planning grant unless they can demonstrate the readiness for an implementation grant. These planning grants are projected to be \$50,000 per school at a total cost of \$8.9 million.

After the distribution of planning grants, approximately \$8.5 million remains.

- **Implementation Grants:** Implementation grants, per Indiana’s ESSA plan, are provided to those schools who demonstrate the readiness to proceed beyond planning grants. This number may include first-year CSI schools.
 - **Single-School Implementation Grant:** For schools who demonstrate readiness for an implementation grant, the Department recommends \$200,000 per school on a competitive basis.
 - **Multi-School Implementation Grant:** For LEAs with four or more identified CSI schools who demonstrate readiness for an implementation grant, the Department recommends a minimum of \$800,000 on a competitive basis.

Federal SIG money allocated to state turnaround academies must be in accordance with the Indiana ESSA plan.

The Department’s funding recommendation is consistent with the requirements of ESSA. Following SBOE approval of federal 1003 SIG funding for the 2018-2019 school year, each LEA must submit qualifying grant applications to the IDOE for each school they have been approved to serve.

SBOE turnaround academies will be guaranteed funding rather than competing against all remaining CSI schools. Of the \$8.5 million for distribution for implementation grants, \$4 million will be allocated to the turnaround academies. \$4.5 million will remain available for implementation grants for all other schools.

School Corporation Name	Intervention Model	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-2019
Evansville/Vanderburgh School Corp (EVSC)	Transformation Zone	\$600,000	\$750,000	\$900,000	\$400,000
Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS)	Transformation Zone	\$1,850,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,400,000
Charter Schools USA (CSUSA)	Special Management Team	\$2,991,115	\$2,991,115	\$2,482,892	\$600,000
Edison Learning Roosevelt	Innovation Network School	\$1,251,512	\$900,000	\$765,000	\$200,000
Kindezi Academy @ Joyce Kilmer #69 (IPS)	Innovation Network School	-	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$200,000
Beveridge Elementary School (GCSC)	Emergency Manager	-	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$200,000
Madison STEAM Academy (SBCSC)	N/A	-	SIG 1003g	SIG 1003g	SIG 1003g
Kokomo Public Schools	Transformation Zone				\$600,000
Reserve for Potential Turnaround Academies	TBD				\$400,000
GRAND TOTAL		\$6,692,62	\$6,541,115	\$6,347,892*	\$4,000,000

The following table includes school-specific details for each intervention.

School Corporation/ School Name	Intervention Model
Evansville Vanderburgh Community Schools (EVCS)*	
Glenwood Leadership Academy	Transformation Zone (Mass Insight)
Caze Elementary	
Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS)**	
Northwest Community Middle School	Transformation Zone (Mass Insight)
James Russell Lowell 51	
Louis B Russell Jr 48	
James Whitcomb Riley 43	
Clarence Farrington 61	
George Buck 94	
Ralph Waldo Emerson 58	
Charter School USA (CSUSA)***	
Emma Donnan Middle School	Special Management Team (CSUSA)
T.C. Howe High School	
Emmerich Manual High School	
Edison Learning	
Theodore Roosevelt College & Career Academy	Innovation Network School (Edison Learning)
Gary Community School Corporation (GCSC)	
Beveridge Elementary	TBD
Kokomo Transformation Zone	
Pettit Park Elementary School	Transformation Zone (Equitable Education Solutions)
Bon Air Elementary School	
Bon Air Middle School	
South Bend CSC	
Madison STEAM Academy (SBCSC)	TBD
Reserve for Potential 2017-2018 Interventions	
Navarre Intermediate Center (South Bend)	<i>These schools will only receive funds should they receive a sixth consecutive 'F' rating following the 17/8 school year.</i>
Wendell Phillips 63 (IPS)	

* *Lincoln School does not meet the criteria of a CSI school (also receives 1003g funding).*

** *Arlington Middle School does not meet the criteria of a CSI school.*

*** *Manual meets the definition of a CSI school only due to the one-year exclusion of the general diploma from the graduation rate.*