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# **1003** Flexibility

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To: Indiana State Board of Education From: Office of School Support and Transformation Date: April 15, 2024 Subject: 1003 Flexibility Waivers

#### I. Basis for Agency Review

During the 2020 legislative session, the Indiana General Assembly enacted P.L. 92-2020, which, in relevant part, permits a school or group of schools to apply to the State Board of Education (Board) for flexibility and to waive compliance with various provisions outlined in Title 20 of the Indiana Code and Title 511 of the Indiana Administrative Code. The flexibility is provided in the form of a 1003 Flexibility Waiver.

#### II. Requests for 1003 Flexibility Waivers under IC 20-31-4.1-4

To obtain a 1003 Flexibility Waiver, schools must submit an application that includes the following:<sup>1</sup>

(1) A list of one or more provisions in Title 20 of the Indiana Code and/or Title 511 of the Indiana Administrative Code the school or group of schools is requesting the Board waive.

(2) The specific goal(s) and/or outcome(s) the school or group of schools intends to achieve by waiving the provisions identified in the application.

(3) An explanation of how the specific goal(s) and/or outcome(s) the school or group of schools intends to achieve are likely to be achieved by waiving compliance with the provisions identified in the application.

(4) The performance benchmarks and data that will be used to determine whether the specific goal(s) and/or outcome(s) identified by the school or group of schools have been achieved.

(5) A resolution adopted by the governing body of the school or group of schools authorizing the submission of the 1003 Flexibility Waiver application.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Ind. Code § 20-31-4.1-4(b).

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After reviewing a school's 1003 Flexibility Waiver request, the Board may grant the school a waiver if the Board determines (1) that the waiver request is related to a specific goal or outcome of the school or group of schools<sup>2</sup>, and (2) that granting the waiver will likely:<sup>3</sup>

(1) Improve student performance and outcomes.

(2) Offer the school or group of schools making the request flexibility in the administration of educational programs or improve the efficiency of school operations.

- (3) Promote innovative educational approaches to student learning, or
- (4) Advance the mission or purpose of the school or group of schools.

In other words, if the Board determines that a waiver request is not related to a specific goal or outcome of the school or group of schools, the request cannot be granted, and the waiver must be denied. Additionally, if the Board determines that granting a waiver is unlikely to improve student performance and outcomes, offer the school or group of schools making the request flexibility in the administration of educational programs or improve the efficiency of school operations, promote innovative educational approaches to student learning; or advance the mission or purpose of the school or group of schools, the request cannot be granted, and the waiver must be denied. Finally, IC 20-31-4.1-7 contains a list of provisions that may not be waived. Thus, a request to waive any of the provisions enumerated in IC 20-31-4.1-7 cannot be granted and must ultimately be denied.

#### III. **Request(s) and Recommendation(s)**

The IDOE has reviewed the submitted applications and applied criteria to determine if the LEA qualifies for a three-year waiver. The criteria are based on the benchmark data in the following categories from the Indiana GPS Dashboard: 3rd-grade Literacy, 6th-grade Math Growth, Graduation Pathways Completion, College & Career Credentials, and Employment & Enrollment. To qualify for a three-year waiver, an LEA must meet or show growth toward the benchmark goals in four out of the five categories listed above.

The Board has received 37 requests for a 1003 Flexibility Waiver from the following school corporations:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Ind. Code § 20-31-4.1-5(a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Ind. Code § 20-31-4.1-5(b).

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After reviewing the requests, it has been determined that the corporations' applications include the statutorily required information and are eligible for consideration by the Board. For the statutory and regulatory provisions included in the requests, the Department recommends the following:



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### Virtual Student Instructional Day Requirement

The school corporation(s) listed below request the flexibility to waive IC 20-30-2-2.7, to expand the number of virtual student instructional days their corporations may employ during the 2024-2025 school year.

**NOTE:** \*School corporations will have the opportunity to be supported by the Office of Digital Learning during the implementation of their waiver plan. The waiver is approved for up to three school years, contingent upon annual review and renewal by the Indiana State Board of Education.

### 1) Oak Hill United School Corporation (5625)

a. IC 20-30-2-2.7 (Virtual Student Instructional Day) – Grant (2024-2025 up to 2026-2027 school year only\*)

| Dispensations   | Commitments/Justification   |
|---|---|
| IC 20-30-2-2.7 (Virtual Instructional<br>Day) Limit to 3 virtual student<br>instructional days.   | The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes<br>across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory<br>requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an<br>instructional day.                                    |
| Authorize Oak Hill United School<br>Corporation to count four (4)<br>additional virtual student instructional<br>days for a total of seven (7) virtual<br>student instructional days. | <ul> <li>Grades 1-6: Students will receive 54,000 minutes of<br/>in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000)</li> <li>Grades 7-12: Students will receive 64,800 minutes of<br/>in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)</li> </ul> |



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### 2) Wabash City Schools (8060)

- a. IC 20-30-2-2.7 (Virtual Student Instructional Day) **Grant** (2024-2025 up to 2026-2027 school year only\*)
- b. IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) Grant (2024-2025 up to 2026-2027 school year only)

| Dispensations   | Commitments/Justification   |
|---|---|
| IC 20-30-2-2.7 (Virtual Instructional Day) Limit to 3 virtual student instructional days.   | Wabash City Schools shall conduct six (6) full days of<br>professional development in lieu of the reduced number of<br>student instructional days.  |
| Authorize Wabash City Schools to<br>count four (4) additional virtual<br>student instructional days for a total<br>of seven (7) virtual student<br>instructional days.                        | The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes<br>across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory<br>requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an<br>instructional day.                                    |
| IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year). Each<br>school year must have 180<br>instructional days.<br>Authorize Wabash City Schools to<br>conduct a school year that consists of<br>174 instructional days. | <ul> <li>Grades 1-6: Students will receive 54,000 minutes of<br/>in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000)</li> <li>Grades 7-12: Students will receive 64,800 minutes of<br/>in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)</li> </ul> |



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#### Instructional Day Requirements<sup>4</sup>

The school corporations listed below are requesting flexibility to waive the statutory minimum requirements outlined in IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time) and count instructional days that do not meet this requirement towards the 180-day minimum outlined in IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year). Each school corporation has a unique purpose for their request, but all generally center around the ability to facilitate job-embedded professional development within the existing teacher contract. In exchange for this flexibility, each school corporation listed below commits to facilitating at least the equivalent number of minutes/hours of instruction to what is required in Indiana law. Each school corporation will accomplish this by lengthening the school day to make up for lost instructional time during a delayed start or early dismissal day.

**NOTE:** All school corporations in this section will continue to conduct 180 instructional days and may only count three virtual instructional days towards the 180-day requirement.

#### 3) Norwell Community Schools (8435)

a. IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time) – Grant (2024-2025 up to 2026-2027 school year only)

| Dispensations  | Commitments/Justification  |
|--|--|
| IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time)<br>Waive the minimum length of a<br>student instructional day, which   | Norwell Community Schools may conduct five (5), two (2) hour late starts in the school year to conduct staff professional development.   |
| requires a student instructional day in<br>grades 1 through 6 consists of at least<br>five (5) hours of instructional time<br>and a student instructional day in | The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes<br>across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory<br>requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an<br>instructional day. |
| grades 7 through 12 consists of at<br>least six (6) hours of instructional   | - Grades 1-6: Students will receive 64,200 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000)  |
| time.  | - Grades 7-12: Students will receive 67,800 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)   |



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### 4) Rossville Consolidated School District (1180)

a. IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time) – Grant (2024-2025 school year only)

| Dispensations  | Commitments/Justification  |
|--|--|
| IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time)<br>Waive the minimum length of a<br>student instructional day, which   | Rossville Consolidated School District may conduct seven (7), two (2) hour late starts in the school year to conduct staff professional development.   |
| requires a student instructional day in<br>grades 1 through 6 consists of at least<br>five (5) hours of instructional time<br>and a student instructional day in | The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes<br>across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory<br>requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an<br>instructional day. |
| grades 7 through 12 consists of at<br>least six (6) hours of instructional   | - Grades 1-6: Students will receive 61,260 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000)  |
| time.  | - Grades 7-12: Students will receive 69,360 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)   |

### 5) Lakeland School Corporation (4535)

a. IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time) – Grant (2024-2025 school year only)

| Dispensations  | Commitments/Justification  |
|--|--|
| IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time)<br>Waive the minimum length of a<br>student instructional day, which   | Lakeland School Corporation may conduct thirteen (13), two (2) hour late starts in the school year to conduct staff professional development.  |
| requires a student instructional day in<br>grades 1 through 6 consists of at least<br>five (5) hours of instructional time<br>and a student instructional day in | The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes<br>across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory<br>requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an<br>instructional day. |
| grades 7 through 12 consists of at<br>least six (6) hours of instructional   | - Grades 1-6: Students will receive 64,830 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000)  |
| time.  | - Grades 7-12: Students will receive 68,430 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)   |

### 6) MSD of Martinsville (5925)



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a. IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time) – Grant (2024-2025 school year only)

| Dispensations  | Commitments/Justification  |
|--|--|
| IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time)<br>Waive the minimum length of a<br>student instructional day, which   | MSD of Martinsville may conduct thirty-six (36), two (2) hour late starts in the school year to conduct staff professional development.  |
| requires a student instructional day in<br>grades 1 through 6 consists of at least<br>five (5) hours of instructional time<br>and a student instructional day in | The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes<br>across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory<br>requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an<br>instructional day. |
| grades 7 through 12 consists of at<br>least six (6) hours of instructional   | - Grades 1-6: Students will receive 60,000 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000)  |
| time.  | - Grades 7-12: Students will receive 65,400 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)   |

#### 7) School City of East Chicago (4670)

a. IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time) – Grant (2024-2025 up to 2026-2027 school year only)

| Dispensations  | Commitments/Justification  |
|--|--|
| IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time)<br>Waive the minimum length of a<br>student instructional day, which   | School City of East Chicago may conduct twenty-six (26), one (1) hour early releases in a school year to conduct staff professional development.   |
| requires a student instructional day in<br>grades 1 through 6 consists of at least<br>five (5) hours of instructional time<br>and a student instructional day in | The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes<br>across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory<br>requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an<br>instructional day. |
| grades 7 through 12 consists of at<br>least six (6) hours of instructional   | - Grades 1-6: Students will receive 57,200 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000)  |
| time.  | - Grades 7-12: Students will receive 67,100 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)   |

#### 8) Sunman-Dearborn Community Schools (1560)



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a. IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time) – Grant (2024-2025 up to 2026-2027 school year only)

| Dispensations   | Commitments/Justification   |
|---|---|
| IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time)<br>Waive the minimum length of a<br>student instructional day, which<br>requires a student instructional day in<br>grades 1 through 6 consists of at least<br>five (5) hours of instructional time<br>and a student instructional day in<br>grades 7 through 12 consists of at<br>least six (6) hours of instructional<br>time. | <ul> <li>Sunman-Dearborn Community Schools may conduct eight (8), two (2) hour late starts in a school year to conduct staff professional development.</li> <li>The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an instructional day.</li> <li>Grades 1-6: Students will receive 65,640 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000)</li> <li>Grades 7-12: Students will receive 66,360 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)</li> </ul> |

### 9) Community Schools of Frankfort (1170)

a. IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time) – Grant (2024-2025 up to 2026-2027 school year only)

| Dispensations   | Commitments/Justification   |
|---|---|
| IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time)<br>Waive the minimum length of a<br>student instructional day, which<br>requires a student instructional day in<br>grades 1 through 6 consists of at least<br>five (5) hours of instructional time<br>and a student instructional day in<br>grades 7 through 12 consists of at<br>least six (6) hours of instructional<br>time. | <ul> <li>Community Schools of Frankfort may conduct thirty-six (36), eighty-five (85) minute late starts in a school year to conduct staff professional development.</li> <li>The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an instructional day.</li> <li>Grades 1-6: Students will receive 75,600 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000)</li> <li>Grades 7-12: Students will receive 69,840 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)</li> </ul> |

### 10) School Town of Munster (4740)



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a. IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time) – Grant (2024-2025 up to 2026-2027 school year only)

| Dispensations   | Commitments/Justification  |
|---|--|
| IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time)<br>Waive the minimum length of a<br>student instructional day, which<br>requires a student instructional day in<br>grades 1 through 6 consists of at least<br>five (5) hours of instructional time<br>and a student instructional day in<br>grades 7 through 12 consists of at<br>least six (6) hours of instructional<br>time. | <ul> <li>School Town of Munster may conduct ten (10), two hundred and fifteen (215) minute late starts in the elementary schools and ten (10) one hundred and eighty-five (185) minute late starts in the secondary schools in a school year to conduct staff professional development.</li> <li>The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an instructional day.</li> <li>Grades 1-6: Students will receive 60,190 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000)</li> <li>Grades 7-12: Students will receive 65,390 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)</li> </ul> |

### 11) Jac-Cen-Del Community School Corporation (6900)

a. IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time) – Grant (2024-2025 school year only)

| Dispensations   | Commitments/Justification   |
|---|---|
| IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time)<br>Waive the minimum length of a<br>student instructional day, which<br>requires a student instructional day in<br>grades 1 through 6 consists of at least<br>five (5) hours of instructional time<br>and a student instructional day in<br>grades 7 through 12 consists of at<br>least six (6) hours of instructional<br>time. | <ul> <li>Jac-Cen-Del Community School Corporation may conduct<br/>eight (8), two (2) hour early releases in a school year to<br/>conduct staff professional development.</li> <li>The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes<br/>across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory<br/>requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an<br/>instructional day.</li> <li>Grades 1-6: Students will receive 60,300 minutes of<br/>in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000)</li> <li>Grades 7-12: Students will receive 67,440 minutes of<br/>in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)</li> </ul> |



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### 12) North Gibson School Corporation (2735)

a. IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time) – Grant (2024-2025 up to 2026-2027 school year only)

| Dispensations   | Commitments/Justification  |
|---|--|
| IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time)<br>Waive the minimum length of a<br>student instructional day, which<br>requires a student instructional day in<br>grades 1 through 6 consists of at least<br>five (5) hours of instructional time<br>and a student instructional day in<br>grades 7 through 12 consists of at<br>least six (6) hours of instructional<br>time. | <ul> <li>North Gibson School Corporation may conduct four (4), two (2) hour early releases and thirty-two (32) thirty (30) minute late starts in a school year to conduct staff professional development.</li> <li>The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an instructional day.</li> <li>Grades 1-6: Students will receive 63,390 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000)</li> <li>Grades 7-12: Students will receive 66,960 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)</li> </ul> |

### 13) Clinton Central School Corporation (1150)

a. IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time) – Grant (2024-2025 school year only)

| Dispensations   | Commitments/Justification   |
|---|---|
| IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time)<br>Waive the minimum length of a<br>student instructional day, which<br>requires a student instructional day in<br>grades 1 through 6 consists of at least<br>five (5) hours of instructional time<br>and a student instructional day in<br>grades 7 through 12 consists of at<br>least six (6) hours of instructional<br>time. | <ul> <li>Clinton Central School Corporation may conduct thirty-five (35), two (2) hour late starts in a school year to conduct staff professional development.</li> <li>The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an instructional day.</li> <li>Grades 1-6: Students will receive 60,600 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000)</li> <li>Grades 7-12: Students will receive 66,000 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)</li> </ul> |

#### 14) North Newton School Corporation (5945)



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a. IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time) – Grant (2024-2025 school year only)

| Dispensations  | Commitments/Justification  |
|--|--|
| IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time)<br>Waive the minimum length of a<br>student instructional day, which   | North Newton School Corporation may conduct nine (9), one (1) hour early releases in a school year to conduct staff professional development.  |
| requires a student instructional day in<br>grades 1 through 6 consists of at least<br>five (5) hours of instructional time<br>and a student instructional day in | The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes<br>across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory<br>requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an<br>instructional day. |
| grades 7 through 12 consists of at<br>least six (6) hours of instructional   | - Grades 1-6: Students will receive 61,740 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000)  |
| time.  | - Grades 7-12: Students will receive 65,824 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)   |

#### 15) South Vermillion Community School Corporation (8020)

a. IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time) – Grant (2024-2025 up to 2026-2027 school year only)

| IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time)<br>Waive the minimum length of a<br>student instructional day, which<br>requires a student instructional day in<br>grades 1 through 6 consists of at least<br>five (5) hours of instructional time<br>and a student instructional day in<br>grades 7 through 12 consists of at<br>least six (6) hours of instructional<br>time.South Vermillion Community School Corporation may<br>conduct eight (8), two (2) hour late starts in a school year to<br>conduct staff professional development.The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes<br>across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory<br>requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an<br>instructional dayGrades 1-6: Students will receive 62,040 minutes of<br>in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000)<br>Grades 7-12: Students will receive 70,140 minutes of | Dispensations   | Commitments/Justification   |
|---|---|---|
| in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)   | Waive the minimum length of a<br>student instructional day, which<br>requires a student instructional day in<br>grades 1 through 6 consists of at least<br>five (5) hours of instructional time<br>and a student instructional day in<br>grades 7 through 12 consists of at<br>least six (6) hours of instructional | <ul> <li>conduct eight (8), two (2) hour late starts in a school year to conduct staff professional development.</li> <li>The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an instructional day.</li> <li>Grades 1-6: Students will receive 62,040 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000)</li> <li>Grades 7-12: Students will receive 70,140 minutes of</li> </ul> |

### 16) Carroll Consolidated School Corporation (0750)



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a. IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time) – Grant (2024-2025 up to 2026-2027 school year only)

| Dispensations   | Commitments/Justification   |
|---|---|
| IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time)<br>Waive the minimum length of a<br>student instructional day, which<br>requires a student instructional day in<br>grades 1 through 6 consists of at least<br>five (5) hours of instructional time<br>and a student instructional day in<br>grades 7 through 12 consists of at<br>least six (6) hours of instructional<br>time. | <ul> <li>Carroll Consolidated School Corporation may conduct thirty-six (36), one (1) hour late starts in a school year to conduct staff professional development.</li> <li>The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an instructional day.</li> <li>Grades 1-6: Students will receive 62,640 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000)</li> <li>Grades 7-12: Students will receive 68,040 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)</li> </ul> |

#### 17) Twin Lakes School Corporation (8565)



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- a. IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time) Grant (2024-2025 up to 2026-2027 school year only)
- b. IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) Grant (2024-2025 up to 2026-2027 school year only)

| Dispensations  | Commitments/Justification  |
|--|--|
| IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time)<br>Waive the minimum length of a<br>student instructional day, which   | Twin Lakes School Corporation may conduct thirty-five (35),<br>forty-five (45) minute late starts in a school year to conduct<br>staff professional development.   |
| requires a student instructional day in<br>grades 1 through 6 consists of at least<br>five (5) hours of instructional time<br>and a student instructional day in<br>grades 7 through 12 consists of at | Twin Lakes School Corporation shall conduct two (2) full days<br>of professional development in lieu of the reduced number of<br>student instructional days.   |
| least six (6) hours of instructional<br>time.<br>IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) Each   | The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes<br>across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory<br>requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an<br>instructional day. |
| school year must have 180 instructional days.  | - Grades 1-6: Students will receive 62,505 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000)  |
| Authorize Twin Lakes School<br>Corporation to conduct a school year<br>that consists of 178 instructional days.  | - Grades 7-12: Students will receive 73,185 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)   |
|  |  |

#### 18) Randolph Central School Corporation (6825)



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a. IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time) – Grant (2024-2025 school year only)

| Dispensations                           | Commitments/Justification  |
|---|--|
| IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time)       | Randolph Central School Corporation may conduct  |
| Waive the minimum length of a           | thirty-seven (37), fifty (50) minute early releases in a school  |
| student instructional day, which        | year to conduct staff professional development.  |
| requires a student instructional day in | The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes   |
| grades 1 through 6 consists of at least | across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory  |
| five (5) hours of instructional time    | requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an  |
| and a student instructional day in      | instructional day.   |
| grades 7 through 12 consists of at      | <ul> <li>Grades 1-6: Students will receive 56,650 minutes of</li></ul>                                     |
| least six (6) hours of instructional    | in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000)  |
| time.                                   | - Grades 7-12: Students will receive 67,016 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800) |

### 19) Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation (4915)

a. IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time) – Grant (2024-2025 up to 2026-2027 school year only)

| Dispensations   | Commitments/Justification   |
|---|---|
| IC 20-30-2-2 (Instructional Time)<br>Waive the minimum length of a<br>student instructional day, which<br>requires a student instructional day in<br>grades 1 through 6 consists of at least<br>five (5) hours of instructional time<br>and a student instructional day in<br>grades 7 through 12 consists of at<br>least six (6) hours of instructional<br>time. | <ul> <li>Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation may conduct four (4), one hundred and fifty-five (155) minute early releases in a school year to conduct staff professional development.</li> <li>The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an instructional day.</li> <li>Grades 1-6: Students will receive 61,120 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000)</li> <li>Grades 7-12: Students will receive 66,520 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)</li> </ul> |



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#### School Year Requirement

The school corporations listed below are requesting flexibility to waive the statutory minimum requirements for a school year outlined in IC 20-30-2-3, which requires 180 instructional days. All of the applications below are seeking flexibility to offer staff professional development within the existing teacher contract, and all commit to providing the minimum equivalent of in-person instructional minutes that would serve as the equivalent of 180 instructional days.

#### 20) Warsaw Community Schools (4415)

a. IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) – Grant (2024-2025 up to 2026-2027 school year only)

| Dispensations  | Commitments/Justification  |
|--|--|
| IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) Each<br>school year must have 180<br>instructional days.                | Warsaw Community Schools shall conduct three (3) full days<br>of professional development in lieu of the reduced number of<br>student instructional days.  |
| Authorize Warsaw Community<br>Schools Corporation to conduct a<br>school year that consists of 177 | The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes<br>across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory<br>requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an<br>instructional day: |
| instructional days.  | - Grades 1-6: Students will receive 58,353 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000)  |
|  | - Grades 7-12: Students will receive 68,415 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)   |



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### 21) Whitley County Consolidated Schools (8665)

a. IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) – Grant (2024-2025 up to 2026-2027 school year only)

| Dispensations   | Commitments/Justification  |
|---|--|
| IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) Each<br>school year must have 180<br>instructional days.                       | Whitley County Consolidated Schools shall conduct five (5) full days of professional development in lieu of the reduced number of student instructional days.  |
| Authorize Whitley County<br>Consolidated Schools Corporation to<br>conduct a school year that consists of | The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes<br>across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory<br>requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an<br>instructional day: |
| 175 instructional days.   | - Grades 1-6: Students will receive 63,000 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000)  |
|   | - Grades 7-12: Students will receive 64,800 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)   |

#### 22) Smith-Green Community Schools (8625)

a. IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) – Grant (2024-2025 school year only)

| Dispensations   | Commitments/Justification  |
|---|--|
| IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) Each<br>school year must have 180<br>instructional days.                             | Smith-Green Community Schools shall conduct two (2) full days of professional development in lieu of the reduced number of student instructional days.   |
| Authorize Smith-Green Community<br>Schools to conduct a school year that<br>consists of 178 instructional days. | The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes<br>across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory<br>requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an<br>instructional day: |
|   | - Grades 1-6: Students will receive 62,300 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000)  |
|   | - Grades 7-12: Students will receive 69,420 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)   |



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### 23) Blue River Valley Schools (3405)

a. IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) – Grant (2024-2025 school year only)

| Dispensations   | Commitments/Justification  |
|---|--|
| IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) Each<br>school year must have 180<br>instructional days.                         | Blue River Valley Schools shall conduct five (5) full days of professional development in lieu of the reduced number of student instructional days.  |
| Authorize Blue River Valley Schools<br>to conduct a school year that consists<br>of 175 instructional days. | The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes<br>across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory<br>requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an<br>instructional day: |
|   | - Grades 1-6: Students will receive 61,950 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000)  |
|   | - Grades 7-12: Students will receive 67,200 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)   |

#### 24) East Noble School Corporation (6060)

a. IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) – Grant (2024-2025 up to 2026-2027 school year only)

| Dispensations   | Commitments/Justification  |
|---|--|
| IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) Each<br>school year must have 180<br>instructional days.                             | East Noble School Corporation shall conduct three (3) full<br>days of professional development in lieu of the reduced<br>number of student instructional days.   |
| Authorize East Noble School<br>Corporation to conduct a school year<br>that consists of 177 instructional days. | The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes<br>across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory<br>requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an<br>instructional day: |
|   | - Grades 1-6: Students will receive 60,021 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000)  |
|   | - Grades 7-12: Students will receive 66,570 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)   |



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### 25) CA Beard Memorial Schools (3455)

a. IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) – Grant (2024-2025 up to 2026-2027 school year only)

| Dispensations  | Commitments/Justification  |
|--|--|
| IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) Each<br>school year must have 180<br>instructional days.                        | CA Beard Memorial Schools shall conduct two (2) full days of professional development in lieu of the reduced number of student instructional days.   |
| Authorize CA Beard Memorial<br>School to conduct a school year that<br>consists of 178 instructional days. | The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes<br>across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory<br>requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an<br>instructional day: |
|  | - Grades 1-6: Students will receive 65,860 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000)  |
|  | - Grades 7-12: Students will receive 65,860 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)   |

#### 26) Northwest Allen County Schools (0225)

a. IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) – Grant (2024-2025 up to 2026-2027 school year only)

| Dispensations  | Commitments/Justification  |
|--|--|
| IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) Each<br>school year must have 180<br>instructional days.                              | Northwest Allen County Schools shall conduct three (3) full days of professional development in lieu of the reduced number of student instructional days.  |
| Authorize Northwest Allen County<br>Schools to conduct a school year that<br>consists of 177 instructional days. | The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes<br>across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory<br>requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an<br>instructional day: |
|  | - Grades 1-6: Students will receive 58,185 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000)  |
|  | - Grades 7-12: Students will receive 68,145 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)   |



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### 27) Manchester Community Schools (8045)

a. IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) – Grant (2024-2025 up to 2026-2027 school year only)

| Dispensations  | Commitments/Justification  |
|--|--|
| IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) Each<br>school year must have 180<br>instructional days.                            | Manchester Community Schools shall conduct three (3) full<br>days of professional development in lieu of the reduced<br>number of student instructional days.  |
| Authorize Manchester Community<br>Schools to conduct a school year that<br>consists of 177 instructional days. | The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes<br>across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory<br>requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an<br>instructional day: |
|  | - Grades 1-6: Students will receive 60,075 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000)  |
|  | - Grades 7-12: Students will receive 67,991 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)   |

### 28) Richland-Bean Blossom Community School Corporation (5705)

a. IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) – Grant (2024-2025 school year only)

| Dispensations                          | Commitments/Justification   |
|--|---|
| IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) Each        | Richland-Bean Blossom Community School Corporation shall  |
| school year must have 180              | conduct two (2) full days of professional development in lieu   |
| instructional days.                    | of the reduced number of student instructional days.  |
| Authorize Richland-Bean Blossom        | The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes  |
| Community School Corporation to        | across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory   |
| conduct a school year that consists of | requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an   |
| 178 instructional days.                | instructional day:  |
|  | <ul> <li>Grades 1-6: Students will receive 62,110 minutes of<br/>in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000)</li> <li>Grades 7-12: Students will receive 67,450 minutes of<br/>in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)</li> </ul> |



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### 29) Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation (4445)

a. IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) – Grant (2024-2025 school year only)

| Dispensations   | Commitments/Justification  |
|---|--|
| IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) Each<br>school year must have 180<br>instructional days.                 | Tippecanoe Valley shall conduct three (3) full days of<br>professional development in lieu of the reduced number of<br>student instructional days.   |
| Authorize Tippecanoe Valley to<br>conduct a school year that consists of<br>177 instructional days. | The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes<br>across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory<br>requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an<br>instructional day: |
|   | - Grades 1-6: Students will receive 62,100 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000)  |
|   | - Grades 7-12: Students will receive 65,340 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)   |

### **30) Logansport Community School Corporation (0875)**

a. IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) – Grant (2024-2025 school year only)

| Dispensations  | Commitments/Justification  |
|--|--|
| IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year). Each school year must have 180 instructional days.   | Logansport Community School Corporation shall conduct two (2) full days of professional development in lieu of the reduced number of student instructional days.   |
| Authorize Logansport Community<br>School Corporation to conduct a<br>school year that consists of 178<br>instructional days. | The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes<br>across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory<br>requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an<br>instructional day: |
|  | - Grades 1-6: Students will receive 61,410 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000)  |
|  | - Grades 7-12: Students will receive 66,750 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)   |



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### 31) Southwest School Corporation of Sullivan County (7715)

a. IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) – Grant (2024-2025 up to 2026-2027 school year only)

| Dispensations  | Commitments/Justification  |
|--|--|
| IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year). Each school year must have 180 instructional days.   | Southwest School Corporation of Sullivan County shall<br>conduct three (3) full days of professional development in lieu<br>of the reduced number of student instructional days.                                   |
| Authorize Southwest School<br>Corporation of Sullivan County to<br>conduct a school year that consists of<br>177 instructional days. | The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes<br>across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory<br>requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an<br>instructional day: |
|  | - Grades 1-6: Students will receive 66,375 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000)  |
|  | - Grades 7-12: Students will receive 66,375 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)   |

### 32) MSD Bluffton-Harrison (8445)

a. IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) – Grant (2024-2025 up to 2026-2027 school year only)

| Dispensations   | Commitments/Justification  |
|---|--|
| IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year). Each school year must have 180 instructional days.                          | MSD Bluffton-Harrison shall conduct four (4) full days of<br>professional development in lieu of the reduced number of<br>student instructional days.  |
| Authorize MSD Bluffton-Harrison to<br>conduct a school year that consists of<br>176 instructional days. | The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes<br>across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory<br>requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an<br>instructional day: |
|   | - Grades 1-6: Students will receive 60,900 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000)  |
|   | - Grades 7-12: Students will receive 67,860 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)   |



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### 33) Danville Community School Corporation (3325)

a. IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) – Grant (2024-2025 school year only)

| Dispensations  | Commitments/Justification  |
|--|--|
| IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year). Each school year must have 180 instructional days.   | Danville Community School Corporation shall conduct four (4) full days of professional development in lieu of the reduced number of student instructional days.  |
| Authorize Danville Community<br>School Corporation to conduct a<br>school year that consists of 176<br>instructional days. | The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes<br>across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory<br>requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an<br>instructional day: |
|  | - Grades 1-6: Students will receive 58,690 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000)  |
|  | - Grades 7-12: Students will receive 67,056 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)   |



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### **Establishment of Virtual Education School**

The schools listed below request to waive compliance with IC 20-19-9-4 regarding establishing a dedicated virtual school. To ensure the performance of students participating in virtual education can be tracked specifically, the Office of School Support and Transformation has requested that corporations develop goals and share data related to student performance.

#### 34) Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation (0365)

a. IC 20-19-9-4 (Establishment of dedicated virtual education school) – Grant (2024-2025 up to 2026-2027 school year only)

| Dispensations   | Commitments/Justification   |
|---|---|
| IC 20-19-9-4 (Establishment of<br>dedicated virtual education school)<br>Waive the requirement to establish a<br>dedicated virtual school/separate<br>school number when the school<br>corporation reaches the statutory<br>threshold of students receiving virtual<br>instruction.<br>IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year). Each<br>school year must have 180<br>instructional days.<br>Authorize Bartholomew Consolidated<br>School Corporation to conduct a<br>school year that consists of 176<br>instructional days. | <ul> <li>Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation will accurately report attendance data to IDOE, which identifies all students who participate in virtual instruction.</li> <li>The combined total number of in-person instructional minutes across all grade levels will meet the equivalent of the statutory requirement of 180 days, times the minimum length of an instructional day: <ul> <li>Grades 1-6: Students will receive 68,640 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 54,000)</li> <li>Grades 7-12: Students will receive 73,040 minutes of in-person instruction (statutory minimum is 64,800)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

b. IC 20-30-2-3 (School Year) – Grant (2024-2025 up to 2026-2027 school year only)