



# Indiana Department of Education

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

**To: Members of the Indiana State Board of Education**

**From: Melissa K. Ambre, Department Director, Office of School Finance**

**Date: March 13, 2024**

**Subject: 2023-2024 Period 2 Membership Petitions**

The Department of Education (DOE) requests review and action on the following 2023-2024 Period 2 Membership petition filed pursuant to IC 20-43-4-3.5. The petition was in response to conflicts and/or missing student reported by the school corporations listed below. Because the total requests are less than \$250,000, the law requires action be taken by the State Board of Education. The table below reflects addition of the student in conflict as requested by the school corporation, the estimated funding adjustment, and the department's recommendation based on its review of documentation applicable to the student.

Corp No	Corp Name	Count of Students Requested for ADM	Count of Students Recommended for ADM	Total Estimated Funding Amount	Total Estimated Funding Amount Recommended
9140	Believe Circle City HS	1	0		\$0
D440	Lafayette Christian School	3	0		\$0
9610	In School for the Deaf	2	0		\$0

The following provides information regarding each request.

**9140 Believe Circle City HS-** Officials requested approval to add one student who was not in attendance on the February count day. The school was in communication with the student, during the month of January but not providing instruction. Information in DOE's reporting system reflects a December 20 exit date and an enrollment date of February 5. Because February 5 is after the February 1 count date and the student was not enrolled and expected to be in attendance on count day, the recommendation is to not allow the student to be included for membership.

**D440 Lafayette Christian School-** Officials request approval to add three students who were not reported for February membership to the Choice Scholarship program count. Officials stated they were missing a data point in their software information system that resulted in the students not being counted for membership. Because the petition process in current law does not apply to the Choice Scholarship program, we recommend denial of the request.

**9610 In School for the Deaf-** Officials request approval to add two students who were not reported for February membership to the school's count. School officials stated the students were not reported due to a technical issue in their software information system. Because IN School for the Deaf is not eligible to receive tuition support, we recommend denial of the request.