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To: Superintendents and Principals

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Subject: 2023 Legislative Changes Impacting School Performance and Accountability

Following the conclusion of the 2023 legislative session, several pieces of legislation taking effect July 1, 2023, impact Indiana school performance and accountability. This memo provides additional clarity regarding these new requirements.

House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1591

HEA 1591 requires the Indiana State Board of Education (SBOE) to issue a “null” or “no letter grade” for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years.

In lieu of issuing letter grades and in an effort to provide additional transparency in school performance, HEA 1591 requires IDOE to develop a “report card” for public and state accredited non-public schools to post on their websites by October 15, 2023. The report card will provide key data points for parents, families, and communities to better understand the work happening in our schools.

Each elementary school “report card” will contain, at a minimum, the following information:

- Pass rate for IREAD-3;
- Pass rate for ILEARN English/language arts and math;
- Chronic absenteeism rate; and
- Per student funding

Each high school “report card” will contain, at a minimum, the following information:

- Average composite SAT score;
- Graduation rate;
- Non-waiver graduation rate;
- Percentage of student who enrolled in and passed any of the following:
 - An Advanced Placement exam;
 - An International Baccalaureate exam;
 - A dual credit course; and
 - A Cambridge International exam; and
- Per student funding

The Indiana General Assembly also requires several of these elementary and high school metrics to be ranked in comparison to all schools serving similar grade bands, providing for additional



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transparency for Hoosier parents. IDOE is currently in the process of developing the “report cards” format, which will be used by all public and state accredited non-public schools, based on metrics contained within the Indiana Graduates Prepared to Succeed (Indiana GPS) school performance dashboard.

Additional guidance on the process for displaying the report card is forthcoming. Updates will be provided in Dr. Jenner’s weekly newsletter, as well as the Accountability Community in Moodle (Enrollment key: **AccountabilityCommunity**) later this summer. [Sign up](#) for Dr. Jenner’s weekly update to receive important updates regarding the “report card” development.