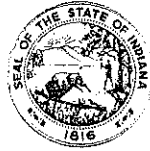


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To Whom It May Concern:

We have all been impacted greatly by COVID-19. State leaders greatly appreciate all the educators who have remained flexible in the face of rapidly changing circumstances, always keeping the wellbeing of students as their highest priority.

The Indiana General Assembly and the Indiana Department of Education are aware of the concern from schools about quarantine requirements impacting whether some students are considered "virtual" for purposes of state funding. Leaders in the Senate, House and DOE have been working through this and believe there are ways we can legislatively provide a fair solution for schools once the General Assembly convenes for the 2022 session.

After much collaboration with many stakeholders, we have agreed to pursue legislation that would allow the DOE to determine whether students are considered "virtual" or "in-person" based on their attendance as a whole for the fall semester. With the passing of legislation, the percentage of per-student funding a school would receive would be determined by whether a student was in person or virtual based on the full semester rather than just the short window from the beginning of school up to the September 17th count date. The retroactive adjustment would be made after December 31st.

There are details about this process that we must still work out, but we thought it important to publicly share our agreement now, given that September 17 is rapidly approaching and schools may need to make policy adjustments accordingly.

We also understand if circumstances with the pandemic change dramatically in the months ahead, we might have to consider other solutions to this funding issue. We look forward to continuing these conversations with you and other stakeholders.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Rodric Bray in black ink.

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