



THE PRESIDENT

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Dr. Katie Jenner
Secretary of Education
Indiana Department of Education
Government Center North, 9th Floor
100 N. Senate Avenue
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The Honorable Chris Lowery
Commissioner
Indiana Commission for Higher Education
101 West Ohio Street, Suite 300
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Secretary Jenner and Commissioner Lowery:

We write today to express our support for the draft version of the new Indiana high school diploma, shared with Indiana University on Monday, August 12th. This version provides much needed guidance to families, students, and educators in the development of high school graduation plans that prepare Hoosier students for postsecondary enrollment, employment, and enlistment. In particular, we appreciate the specificity with which the Enrollment Ready Seals have been developed – which was an area of emphasis in our prior letter, dated July 30, 2024.

It is our hope that these Seals will be encouraged as mutually contributory options, where students are prepared for, and informed of, the rich range of possibilities across the Indiana post-secondary education and employment landscape, including efforts to expose high school students to work-based learning opportunities sooner. As the flagship four-year institution serving the entire State, IU campuses will continue to provide an onramp into higher education for students immediately enrolling post-high school graduation and for students at a later point in their careers.

We look forward to seeing the final version of the rule on the Indiana high school diploma submitted to the Indiana Register.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela Whitten".

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