



THE PRESIDENT

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Dr. Katie Jenner  
Secretary of Education  
Indiana Department of Education  
Government Center North, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
100 N. Senate Avenue  
Indianapolis, IN 46204-1971

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 final version of the new Indiana high school diploma, shared with Indiana University on December 2, 2024. This final 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 thoughtful adjustments to the work-based learning requirements, AP testing, and transferability of dual credits.

It is our belief that the options provided through the new diplomas will help ensure 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 approval of the final version of the rule by the Indiana State Board of Education.

Sincerely,

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

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