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**QUALITY EDUCATORS FOR INDIANA'S CHILDREN
STATEMENT IN OPPOSITION to INDIANA
STATE BOARD of ED ADJUNCT TEACHING PERMIT**



INDIANAPOLIS—Last week the Indiana State Board of Education voted 6-5 to approve an adjunct permit provision under REPA III. In response to that decision, we, a coalition of K-12 and university educator stakeholders in our children's learning, ask the six board members who voted to support this permit to reconsider their votes.

This adjunct permit is just one more attempt to dilute the quality of Indiana's teachers, principals and superintendents. The Board's action creates a permit in search of applicants.

Indiana already offers alternative routes to teaching. This new permit decreases teacher quality for our students, allowing a person with no teaching or classroom training to become an educator in Indiana. This person would have no training in critical areas such as child psychology, classroom management and child development.

Would Hoosier parents send their children to a doctor who practices medicine without having attended medical school? Would they have confidence in firefighters or police officers who have not attended the appropriate training academy? Would they even allow their children to board a school bus driven by a driver who doesn't have the training necessary for a CDL license? Of course they wouldn't.

Lowering the standards for educators who work with our children every day makes absolutely no sense.

In the best interest of Indiana's children, we ask the members of the State Board of Education at their June meeting to support high standards in all areas of education, particularly when it comes to teacher licensure by rescinding this adjunct permit.

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