



# 2017 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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## OUR KIDS.

**Take actions that improve instruction and learning to support all kids.**

Give kids a safe environment and address the whole child, including all of the issues children face from the outside that are brought into the learning environment.

Quit over-testing.

Level the learning field with a foundational preschool program.

Keep class sizes reasonable.

Provide adequate resources to offer individualized student learning.



## OUR SCHOOLS.

**Public schools are the foundation of society – educating future leaders, encouraging civic engagement and creating cohesive communities. Increase funding and support to allow our public schools to thrive.**

Fairly and adequately fund our local public schools and include provisions which address the rising cost-of-living.

Suspend accountability consequences for schools, districts and communities while Indiana transitions to its new state standards and assessment.

Prioritize our community public schools where more than 90 percent of all Hoosier students attend.

Respect the rich history of collective action of educators and recognize that the best decisions are made when all interested parties work together.



## OUR FUTURE.

**Foster the recruitment, support and retention of the best educators into the future.**

On evaluations, hold teachers harmless while Indiana transitions to its new assessment system.

Ensure teacher evaluations are locally developed, focused on instructional support and based on multiple factors.

Reward additional learning, including master's degrees.

Support professional development, including the recognition and incentivization of National Board Certification.

Offer loan forgiveness to promote teacher retention.

Respect the service of educators with a post-employment benefits system that keeps pace with the cost-of-living.

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