



Indiana Department of Education

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Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction

August 1, 2013

Laura McGiffert Slover, Senior Vice President, PARCC
Jeffery Nellhaus, Director, PARCC Assessment
Achieve, Inc
1400 16th Street NW, Suite 510
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Ms. Slover and Mr. Nellhaus:

This letter is in response to your July 23rd request to confirm Indiana's participation in the PARCC Field Tests. As you may be aware, Indiana has been taking the actions needed to step down from PARCC Governing Board membership. Coupled with the passage of House Enrolled Act 1427, Indiana's participation in the PARCC Field Tests becomes impractical if not illegal. While we have benefitted from and appreciate PARCC's accomplishments to date, this will serve as formal notification that Indiana will not participate in the Spring 2014 PARCC Field Test.

If you have questions about our decision, feel free to contact Wes Bruce, Chief Assessment Officer wbruce@doe.in.gov.

Respectfully Yours,

Glenda Ritz, NBCT
Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction

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July 30, 2013

Mitchell Chester, Chair
PARCC Governing Board
1400 16th Street NW, Ste. 510
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Chester:

As Governor Pence has recently informed you, the state of Indiana passed legislation, House Bill 1427, during the 2013 General Assembly which limits Indiana's ability to participate in consortiums such as the Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC).

Due to the enactment of the legislation, I request that Indiana be released from any duties, responsibilities or obligations to the PARCC Governing Board, effective August 12, 2013.

Please know that I share Governor Pence's commitment to ensuring that Indiana maintains rigorous college and career ready standards which are aligned to post-secondary expectations. I look forward to the Indiana Department of Education's role in collaborating with various stakeholders to implement the provisions set forth in HB 1427.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Glenda Ritz". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Glenda Ritz, NBCT
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Indiana

cc: The Honorable Michael R. Pence, Governor
Indiana State Board of Education Members