

# Imagine 2020 Executive Summary



## ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2013 - 2016

-  Provided direct service to public schools by creating the Division of Outreach for School Improvement, exiting 193 schools from focus and priority status, affecting 108,815 students.
-  Expanded CTE opportunities for students by increasing Career and Technical Education courses and pathways, showing a graduation rate of 95% for CTE students.
-  Improved the safety of our schools by increasing the number of school safety specialists and participation in Indiana's School Safety Academy – the largest in the nation.
-  Increased focus on family literacy by launching the Hoosier Family of Readers.
-  Saved programs in jeopardy from mismanagement by the previous Department administration and secured federal flexibility to allow local schools more freedom over federal dollars.
-  Improved communications by establishing regular weekly communication with schools.
-  Increased transparency by ensuring public meetings stayed public and guaranteeing Open Door Law was followed.
-  Strengthened Indiana's college and career ready standards.
-  Created a fair, transparent, and student-centered accountability system for schools that focuses on individual student growth.
-  Expanded digital learning opportunities, capacity, and communication.
-  Proposed a bold education budget that increased total funding to public schools, doubled funding for English learners, and provided funding for local districts to choose formative assessment tools.
-  Expanded Pre-K support in public schools with federal funding, Paths to QUALITY™ assurances, and implementation of the Early Learning Foundations.
-  Developed a comprehensive plan to address the teacher shortage.
-  Established a statewide student advisory council to include the voices of high school students to inform education policy.
-  Prevented the drop in ISTEP+ scores from unfairly penalizing Indiana's schools and advocated for the end of the pass/fail, high stakes, costly, time consuming ISTEP+ test.
-  Established the *Promising Practices* program.
-  Visited students and educators in all 92 counties to observe best practices and learn how the Department of Education might better support the needs of local schools.



# GOALS 2016 - 2020



## EQUITY



Expand direct service to public schools to facilitate community resources.



Promote a positive learning climate for all students.



Provide support to students enrolling in the *Evan Bayh 21st Century Scholars Program*.



Secure fair and adequate funding for public schools.



Provide a \$1,000 tax deduction for all public school families.



Examine the long-term academic and fiscal impact of private school vouchers.



Close the digital divide to ensure all students have equal access to technology and resources at school and at home.



## HIGH QUALITY



Establish state-funded high-quality public and private Pre-K programs within the boundaries of every public school district community.



Increase the recruitment and retention of excellent educators.



Enhance Indiana's school accountability system by adding multiple measures.



Close the graduation gap.



## STUDENT CENTERED



Implement a new student-centered testing system.



Replace A-F school grades with categories that accurately reflect school performance and improvement while maintaining strong school accountability.



Individualize high school graduation plans.



Complete the state longitudinal data system.



Streamline the collection and access of statewide student data.

