

To: Members of the State Board of Education

From: Andrew Melin, Chief Innovation Officer  
Benjamin Carter, Director of Workforce and Innovation

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Re: Graduation Pathways Update

- 1. A summary of the Department's implementation efforts since last update;**
  - a. *Learn and Demonstrate Employability Skills:* Facilitating interagency work-based learning taskforce comprised of 23 educators from around the state to update program standards, create a comprehensive implementation manual, and to develop a training session for work-based learning coordinators. This is a collaborative effort between the Department of Workforce Development and the Department of Education.
  - b. *Learn and Demonstrate Employability Skills:* Draft development of Jobs for America's Graduates high school course that will be submitted for approval during the July 2019 Board meeting.
  - c. *Learn and Demonstrate Employability Skills:* Statewide Project-Based Learning training set for July 15-17, 2019 in partnership with Ford Next Generation Learning.
  - d. *Learn and Demonstrate Employability Skills:* Participation in Indiana Talent Networks' Community of Practice.
  - e. *Learn and Demonstrate Employability Skills:* Participation in Indiana Youth Apprenticeship committee.
  - f. *Postsecondary-Ready Competency:* Continuation of partnership with Indiana University enabling dual credit teachers in mathematics, science, social studies, and English to receive the necessary credentials to meet the dual credit requirements of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC).
  
- 2. A written summary detailing implementation issues and questions not addressed by the Policy Guidance that are submitted to the Department, as well as the corresponding answers and guidance issued by the Department to school corporations and individual schools;**
  - a. Over 600 questions received through our email option since June 18, 2018.
  - b. 53 of the most frequently asked questions are listed at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ek7QgExuEQORQ7CzVS02HgoKmx7tfT0g5EPRRfnyKA/edit>

- 3. Professional development/training conducted by the Department (including a copy of all materials used by the Department for the same);**
  - a. Hosted training with Portage High School Counselors.
    - i. <https://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/graduation-pathways/grad-pathways-101-full-112718.pdf>
  - b. Presentation and Q&A with the Northwest Indiana Workforce Board.
    - i. [https://drive.google.com/open?id=1sQEy6tM4\\_u7Tv964ZW-wI-6BH\\_dqbjO4](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1sQEy6tM4_u7Tv964ZW-wI-6BH_dqbjO4)
  - c. 2019 College and Career Conference in partnership with the Indiana Youth Institute on June 6, 2019.
    - i. [https://drive.google.com/open?id=1DkinL45kOKU04IZY5\\_UAjRE5pGZI6mfj](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1DkinL45kOKU04IZY5_UAjRE5pGZI6mfj)
  - d. Education Workforce Innovation Network (EWIN) Annual Pathways Summit on June 24<sup>th</sup> presentation with the Office of Work Based Learning and Apprenticeship.
    - i. <https://iewin.org/2019/03/04/2019-indiana-pathways-summit-save-the-date/>
  
- 4. A list of corporations and schools that have developed best practices when implementing Graduation Pathways and the specific practices developed; and**
  - a. Promising practices folders can be found at <https://www.doe.in.gov/graduation-pathways>
  - b. Best practices presented at SBOE meetings can be found at <https://www.doe.in.gov/pathwaypractices>
  
- 5. A plan for compliance and for reporting the information to the SBOE, including early adopter data.**
  - a. No updates to report.

If you have any questions, please email [DOEGradpathways@doe.in.gov](mailto:DOEGradpathways@doe.in.gov).