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**TO:** Indiana School Leaders  
**FROM:** Indiana Department of Education  
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**RE:** Take the Pledge to Participate in Digital Equity Month #connecteverystudent

Many of you have been working to gather information on student home Internet access since we have urged you to collect this data as part of your registration and enrollment processes for the 2020-2021 school year. **September will be a month where we celebrate the progress on this data collection effort and where we work together to support each other in gathering these data elements for each student.**

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) has communicated a list of digital equity data elements to be collected. See our original [memo from June 26](#) for a list of these elements. We hope 100 percent of schools in Indiana will collect these data elements for each student. Consider taking the [Digital Equity Month Pledge](#) to engage your school corporation in the effort to collect this strategically important data.

The COVID-19 pandemic has created a renewed urgency for closing the digital divide in America's education system. With schools having to quickly pivot to online learning, it is more important than ever to ensure access to an Internet connection and a dedicated learning device for students at home.

As part of Digital Equity Month, IDOE will be communicating additional opportunities for schools to share their ideas and progress around digital equity data collection.