RESOLUTION ON INDIANA’S POSTSECONDARY TRANSITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS

December 12, 2018

Whereas, the Indiana Constitution empowers the Indiana General Assembly (“Legislature”) to establish education policy for the State of Indiana;

Whereas, the Legislature enacted Indiana Code 20-19-2-14 that provides that the Indiana State Board of Education (“Board”) shall develop and establish the State’s education goals and standards;

Whereas, Indiana must dramatically increase postsecondary attainment to meet the state’s economic imperatives and to provide Hoosiers with greater opportunities for lifelong success; and

Whereas, Indiana convened the Postsecondary Transitions Steering Committee—a group chaired by Superintendent Jennifer McCormick and Commissioner Teresa Lubbers with key K-12 and higher education stakeholders—and developed recommendations for supporting students in their transitions between high school and higher education; and

Whereas, the steering committee’s recommendations are threefold: 1. Develop and scale postsecondary transition pathways, beginning with math; 2. Promote navigational supports that smooth students’ transition from high school to postsecondary programs; and, 3. Expand the use of key postsecondary transitions data to support cross-sector collaboration and support student success; and

Whereas, the recommendations include adopting a postsecondary math transition course to be piloted by 10 schools in the 2019-2020 school year with investment to ensure professional development, navigational support, study-skills development, and implementation planning to bring the course to scale successfully statewide; and

Whereas, these recommendations build on the success and lessons learned through the state’s work to improve math achievement at the postsecondary level with redesigned math pathways and a co-requisite remediation model; and

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Board recognizes that the Indiana Commission for Higher Education offers its full support for the recommendations offered by Indiana’s Postsecondary Transitions Steering Committee.

This resolution is hereby ADOPTED by the Indiana State Board of Education on this 12th day of December 2018.