



November 24, 2010

Dear Superintendents:

I am pleased to announce the State Budget Agency has informed me that total state funding for K-12 tuition support will remain constant in calendar year 2011 compared with calendar year 2010. Through the first four months of fiscal year 2011, state revenues are tracking closely to the most recent forecast but are on track to fall short of the budget forecast by approximately \$800 million. Fortunately, because of significant cost reductions in nearly every other area of state government spending, there are no current plans for reductions in total state funding for K-12 tuition support for calendar year 2011 compared to calendar year 2010.

After discussing this issue with many of you over the past few months, I know you share my relief that we are able to continue funding K-12 education at our current level. Therefore, I wanted to share this information with you as soon as I received word from the State Budget Agency so you could plan accordingly.

I know all of you are working hard to improve educational outcomes for Hoosier children. We will circulate detailed information regarding K-12 distributions by school corporation in December. This information will provide a clearer picture of the amount a school corporation will receive based upon the school funding formula utilizing updated ADM and other variables.

Please keep in mind that you have access to more than \$200 million from the Education Jobs Fund. I would encourage you to be prudent in the use of these one-time funds.

Finally, I will keep you apprised of progress made during the upcoming session of the Indiana General Assembly. As you know, the legislature will be passing a budget for FY12-13 as well as a new school funding formula for calendar years 2012 and 2013. Again, I would encourage you to be cautious with respect to making spending commitments until the budget has passed.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact our Chief Financial Officer, Lance Rhodes, at 317-234-6792 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tony Bennett
State Superintendent of Public Instruction