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Dr. Jennifer McCormick, State Superintendent-Elect Sets Transition Team

Indianapolis – Throughout her campaign, Dr. Jennifer McCormick stayed true to her five non-negotiables:

- Establish leadership and vision within the Indiana Department of Education.
- Restore a partnership between the Indiana Department of Education and stakeholders with an emphasis on communication and team work.
- Provide districts with quality tools to enhance instruction and support teachers.
- Develop a credible statewide assessment system.
- Put students before politics.

“These objectives were a primary focus as I formed my transition team that I am announcing today. I am excited and honored to work with such a dynamic and diverse group. The team’s commitment to Hoosier students will drive critical decision-making which will ultimately impact Indiana’s education system and ensure Indiana has one of the best Departments of Education in the nation,” stated State Superintendent-Elect Dr. McCormick.

The State Superintendent-Elect’s team is made up of 17 accomplished individuals who have spent their careers directly helping students, educators, schools, and communities. Each person brings unique experiences and expertise to the transition team.

The first meeting of the transition team was held Thursday. The group will assist in ensuring an experienced and talented IDOE leadership cabinet is assembled and will support Dr. McCormick as she prepares to take office on January 9, 2017.

Dr. McCormick’s transition team includes:

Dr. Brad Balch – Professor and Dean Emeritus, Indiana State University, Department of Educational Leadership

Dr. Todd Bess – Executive Director, Indiana Association of School Principals

Mr. Wes Bruce – Education and Assessment Consultant

Dr. Jeff Butts – President-Elect, Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents

Rep. Tony Cook – State Representative, Indiana House of Representatives – District 32

Mr. Denny Costerison – Executive Director, Indiana Association of School Business Officials

Dr. Scot Croner – Superintendent, Blackford County Schools

Mr. Steve Edwards (Transition Team Chair) – Retired Superintendent and Education Consultant, Administrator Assistance

Dr. Nancy Holsapple – Executive Director, Old National Trail Special Services Inter-Local

Mr. David Holt – Chief Financial Officer, MSD Warren Township

Dr. Lee Ann Kwiatkowski – Member, State Board of Education

Mr. Micah Maxwell – Executive Director, Boys & Girls Club of Muncie

Dr. Hardy Murphy – Executive Director, Indiana Urban Schools Association and Clinical Professor of Education, IUPUI, IU School of Education

Mrs. Kathryn Raasch – Principal, Wayne Township Preschool

Mr. Terry Spradlin – Director of Community and Governmental Relations, Education Networks of America

Mrs. Lisa Tanselle – General Counsel, Indiana School Boards Association

Mrs. Kelly Wittman – Executive Principal, Max S. Hayes Career & Technical High School of MSD Cleveland