

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SCHOOL BOARD ORGANIZATION PLAN

Pursuant to Indiana Code § 20-23-8-14, notice is hereby given by the Rush County Schools Board of School Trustees that on January 10, 2022, the School Board approved a resolution proposing changes in the school board organization plan (“Plan”) to include election of school board members in conjunction with a general election, as required by current statute, and to reconfigure School Board seats from the current seven (7) electoral districts (with (1) one member elected from each district) to one (1) at large member and three (3) electoral districts (with two (2) members elected from each district) as follows:

The School Corporation shall be divided into three (3) electoral districts and one (1) At Large seat, as follows:

District 1-All of Union, Washington, Center, and Jackson Townships, along with Rushville City Precinct 1 and Rushville Township Precinct 7.

Beginning with the 2022 General Election, the registered voters of this District shall elect two (2) members to the Board of School Trustees. The initial term of one (1) of the members (the seat established in current Policy B1020 as District 5) shall be a two (2) year transitional term, commencing January 1, 2023, with four (4) year terms thereafter, in order to establish staggered four (4) year terms for this District on a permanent basis. The term of the other member elected from this District (the seat established in current Policy B1020 as District 1) shall be a four (4) year term commencing January 1, 2023.

District 2-All of Orange, Noble, Richland, and Anderson Townships, along with Rushville City Precinct 2.

Beginning with the 2024 General Election, the registered voters of this District shall elect two (2) members to the Board of School Trustees. The initial term of one (1) of the members District (the seat established in current Policy B1020 as District 3) shall be a two (2) year transitional term, commencing January 1, 2025, in order to establish staggered four (4) year terms on a permanent basis. The term of the other member elected from this District (the seat established in current Policy B1020 as District 4) shall be a four (4) year term commencing January 1, 2025.

District 3-All of Walker and Posey Townships, along with Rushville City Precinct 3 and Rushville Township Precinct 8.

The registered voters of this District shall elect two (2) members to the Board of School Trustees for a term of four (4) years. The first/transitional term under this Plan for the seat established in current Policy B1020 as District 2 will be a four (4) year term commencing January 1, 2023. The first/transitional term under this Plan for the seat established in current Policy B1020 as District 7 will be a four (4) year term commencing January 2, 2025.

Beginning with the 2024 General Election, one (1) At Large Member shall be elected from within the Rush County Schools boundaries without regard to districts. The registered voters of the School Corporation shall elect the At Large Member (the seat established in current Policy B1020 as District 6) for a term of four (4) years, which commences January 1, 2026.

All other aspects of the existing Plan would remain unchanged.

Notice is further given that not later than one hundred and twenty (120) days after the publication of this notice, voters residing within the overall boundaries of Rush County Schools may file with the county clerk of court a petition protesting this proposed plan or a petition submitting an alternative plan in accordance with the following parameters:

- 1) A petition protesting the above plan shall be signed by at least twenty percent (20%) of the voters within the school corporation boundaries or five hundred (500) voters within the school corporation boundaries, whichever is less.
- 2) A petition submitting an alternative plan shall be signed by at least twenty percent (20%) of the voters within the school corporation boundaries.

A copy of the existing School Board Organizational Plan and January 10, 2022 Resolution are available at the School Corporation Central Office during regular business hours.

Dated: January 10, 2022

/s/Steve Sickbert
Secretary, Board of School Trustees
Rush County Schools