MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
INDIANA UNIVERSITY INDIANAPOLIS
AND
FRANKLIN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (this "MOU") is entered into as of 13 April 2026 by and between The Trustees of Indiana University on behalf of the Indiana University Indianapolis campus[1] (collectively, "IU Indy") and Franklin Community School Corporation (("School District") and with IU Indy, collectively, the "Parties") concerning their mutual intention to work toward a seamless admission process whereby qualified School District students are automatically considered for admission to IU Indy.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, IU Indy and School District have long enjoyed collaborative relationships on mutually beneficial initiatives that further the educational and economic opportunities available in Indianapolis; and

WHEREAS, School District graduates are a valued proportion of the IU Indy undergraduate student body which IU Indy wishes to grow; and

WHEREAS, IU Indy and School District desire to remove real and perceived barriers to accessing higher education

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals and the mutual undertakings set forth herein, the Parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I
SEAMLESS ADMISSION PLAN

A. TIMELINE AND MANAGEMENT TEAM.

1. Collaboration and Target Dates. The Parties will collaborate in good faith to develop and implement a seamless admission plan by 31 May 2026 such that the first seamlessly admitted School District graduates would begin enrolling at IU Indy in the Fall Semester of 2027.

2. Management Team. The Parties have jointly established and shall maintain a management team (the "Joint Management Team"), consisting of representatives designated by School District and by IU Indy's Divisions of Enrollment Management and Undergraduate Education.

[1] The Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis campus officially became the Indiana University Indianapolis campus on July 1, 2024.

B. GENERAL PARAMETERS.

1. Initial Admission. School District will supply to IU Indy the requested data via IU's Secure Share (https://secureshare.iu.edu/) (or other secure platform mutually agreed upon by the Parties) described below for all senior-level high school students who meet the criteria for an automated initial admission decision, which are anticipated to be a 3.00 GPA or higher and track for a Core 40 diploma (or higher), and who have provided School District with written consent to share their education record data with IU Indy for admissions purposes. IU Indy will review the individual student record data and then initiate contact with students who meet the criteria, notifying them (where applicable) that they have been automatically admitted to IU Indy, subject to their self-reporting of the remaining data needed to finalize the admission decision, and subject to the Prior Misconduct Review Committee process.

    a. IU Indy will use the same admission criteria in place for regular admission decisions in deciding which School District students to admit through seamless admission.

    b. The initial admission decision shall be limited to admissibility to IU Indy's University College. Students will subsequently be considered for admission to a relevant degree-granting school at IU Indy after the student completes the self-reporting form required to finalize the admission decision. The exception to this will be for students who choose to be exploratory as to major; such students would remain in University College.

2. Regular Admission Processes Not Affected. Nothing in this MOU shall interrupt the regular admission processes in place for students who choose to initiate contact with IU Indy as a regular prospect or applicant student. School District students who have already begun or completed regular admission processes will not be negatively affected by the seamless admission process described in this MOU.

3. Scholarship Processes Not Affected. Nothing in this MOU shall interrupt the regular scholarship application processes. School District students admitted through seamless admission shall have access to the same scholarship opportunities available to students applying through regular admission processes.

4. Dedicated Staffing. IU Indy will dedicate the appropriate staffing to support initially admitted students in completing the self-reporting form needed to finalize the admission decision.

ARTICLE II
DATA SHARING

A. DESCRIPTIONS OF DATA TO BE COLLECTED.

1. Data to be Shared by School District. School District will provide to IU Indy the following data at minimum on eligible senior students who have consented to have their data shared with IU Indy for admissions purposes:
    a. Official Transcript with all Grade Point Averages
    b. Legal Sex (required for IU Indy reporting obligations)
    c. Date of Birth (required for IU Indy reporting obligations)
    d. Ethnicity (required for IU Indy reporting obligations)
    e. Full legal name
    f. Home address
    g. Telephone number if available (for matching and de-duplication)
    h. Student email address
    i. Participation in 21st Century Scholars Program
    j. Parent or legal guardian name and contact information if available including phone, address, and email address

2. Data to be Self-Reported by Students. Upon receiving notice of initial admission to IU Indy, School District students shall be prompted to report via webform the following data elements needed to finalize the admission process, at minimum:
    a. Preferred, personal email address
    b. Cell phone
    c. Participation in Upward Bound/TRIO or Head Start
    d. Former Name(s) of Student
    e. Preferred Name
    f. Addresses and related information needed to make a Residency Assignment determination
    g. Behavior Disciplinary Disclosures consistent with what is needed by the Prior Misconduct Review Committee process
    h. Social Security Number (to assist with matching of FAFSA submissions)
    i. Citizenship Status (used in admission-based scholarship eligibility, residency assignment and other potential services such as outreach for DACA students)
    j. Choice of Academic Major (used for evaluation of direct admission for academic program and academic program specific scholarship opportunities)
    k. Permission to text (student can opt into IU Indy text-based communications)
    l. Parent/Guardian Education Background (used to identify First Generation students)

B. DATA SHARING AND PROTECTION.

1. Secure Sharing. IU Indy will offer to School District a method to ensure secure sharing of student data files. The parties agree to utilize IUs' Secure Share (https://secureshare.iu.edu/) to ensure the secure sharing of student data.

2. Data Protection. IU Indy hereby agrees to only use the data provided by School District and/or School District students ("District Data") for the purpose of fulfilling its duties under this MOU, which are for the exclusive purpose of providing admission and/or educational services to School District and its students. IU Indy agrees to store and process District Data in accordance with best practices, including appropriate administrative, physical, and technical safeguards, to secure such data from unauthorized access, disclosure, alteration, and use. Such measurers will be no less protective than those used to secure IU Indy's own data of a similar type, and in no event less than a reasonable degree of care.

3. FERPA Compliance. To the extent IU Indy will have access to "education records" for the School District's students as defined under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA"), the Parties acknowledge and agree that for the purpose of this MOU, IU Indy shall be designated as a "school official" with "legitimate educational interests" in the District Data, as those terms have been defined under FERPA and its implementing regulations. IU Indy agrees to abide by the FERPA limitations and requirements imposed on school officials. IU Indy will use the education records only for the purpose of fulfilling its duties under this MOU for School District and its students benefit and will not share such data with or disclose it to any third party except as provided for in this MOU, required by law, or authorized in writing by the School District.

ARTICLE III
MISCELLANEOUS TERMS AND COVENANTS

A. PUBLICITY; NOTICE TO THIRD PARTIES. The Parties will mutually agree upon all press release announcements, press conferences and similar public statements regarding Seamless Admission, this MOU, and related issues and will mutually agree as to the timing of the release of any such announcements.

B. MODIFICATION; RENEWAL; TERMINATION. This MOU may only be changed, modified or amended by a written instrument executed by an authorized representative of each Party. This MOU will renew automatically every three years unless either Party gives notice to the other of its intent to terminate this MOU prior to March 1 of a calendar year, in which case this MOU shall terminate as of March 1 of the calendar year that notice to terminate was provided.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the undersigned Parties has caused this MOU to be duly executed by its authorized representatives on the dates set forth below.

THE TRUSTEES OF INDIANA UNIVERSITY

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Donald S. Lukes
University Treasurer
Date:

FRANKLIN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

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David Yount
Board of School Trustees, Vice President
Date: 10-19-26