

2023 INDIANA LEGISLATIVE SESSION ACHIEVEMENTS

FISCAL CONDITION

- ✓ 10th Straight Balanced Budget - \$44.5B
- ✓ Maintains AAA state credit rating
- ✓ Cut Personal Income taxes to 2.9% by 2027
- ✓ Eliminated Personal Income taxes for Active Duty, National Guard and reserve members already receive a \$5,000 deduction, and a full income tax exemption when mobilized or on duty
- ✓ Paid down Debt: Paid down \$700M in 2023 and another \$3.1B FY 24-25 on our Pre-96 Teachers Fund. Since 2011, we have shaved off 30 years of payments
- ✓ Reserves 12% = \$3B (FY24/25 \$909M/\$541M)
- ✓ Cash funded New State Archives Building \$97M, New world class Colocated Schools for the Deaf & the Blind and Visually Impaired & 253M. New Potato Creek State Park Lodge \$100M, Armories \$25M, Deferred Maintenance \$150M, McCormicks Creek State Park Tornado Recovery Rebuild \$5M, and initial phases of a New Westville Correctional Facility \$800M.
- ✓ Passed temporary property tax relief to shield homeowners from taxes continuing to climb and added a cost-of-living adjustment to the homestead tax deduction for Hoosiers over 65 and broadened the definition of homestead to protect homeowners against taxation beyond the intent of Indiana's constitutional property tax caps.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- ✓ Provided the IEDC with new tools: Tax Credit Flexibility \$250M, Site Acquisition Fund \$150M, Closing Fund \$500M
- ✓ Innovation & Entrepreneurship (21 Fund & Elevate Ventures)
- ✓ Doubled Manufacturing Modernization Grants for businesses to upgrade equipment \$40M
- ✓ Indiana destination & tourism marketing to target & tell students and visitors to make Indiana their permanent home \$10M/yr & Sports Bid \$10M

K-12

- ✓ Increased K-12 Public School Funding (\$1.47B) by historic 10.1% \$9B in FY25. FY18-25 +\$1.8B
- ✓ Allowing local bargaining units to now pass on teacher pay raises (current statewide average \$56,600)
- ✓ Expanded early childhood learning & care by increasing income threshold On-My-Way Pre K from 127% to 150% of the Federal Poverty Level.
- ✓ Created a child care expenditure tax credit to further encourage employer sponsored early learning and childcare options
- ✓ Total Historic Literacy Investment - \$170M Continued Science of Reading Investment - \$10M Literacy Match with Lilly so we're at 95% passing IREAD by 2027. Funds a new grant program extending the reach of the ongoing science of reading alongside the Lilly Endowment - \$20M Provided Teacher Incentives/Grants for those who improve IREAD scores - \$20M Partners (\$6M) with Local Organizations on Dolly Parton's Imagination Library with partners like United Way - \$6M
- ✓ Invested in and Prioritized quality STEM education to encourage greater participation in robotics competitions
- ✓ Eliminated School Text Book & Curriculum Fees for parents (\$160M, net \$120M)
- ✓ Schools will post on the Indiana GPS dashboard, NLT December 2024, school performance and various other metrics for parents, families, and communities to better understand the work happening in our schools
- ✓ Improved the K-12 Pathways for more students to seek Enlistment, Employment, Enrollment through work based learning opportunities and the earning of more high value postsecondary credentials before high school graduation
- ✓ Funded another round of the Student Learning Recovery Grant Program - \$35M
- ✓ Increased funding for the Non-English Speaking Program - \$20.4M
- ✓ Increased funding for Special Education Students - \$85M + \$10M through the SEEC Fund
- ✓ Fully Restored JAG Funding - \$16M
- ✓ Expanded the number and places providers can offer Adults a place to get their GED paid Excel Centers - \$16M
- ✓ Doubles teaching scholarships & creates new Scholarships for Minority students to become Educators

HIGHER ED

- ✓ Increased our public university budgets by 6%
- ✓ Funds each public university's priority major capitol projects
- ✓ Increased college affordability by automatically enrolling all income eligible 7th graders in the 21st Century Scholars to pay for their college
- ✓ Schools are now required to complete FAFSA by April 15 annually
- ✓ Funds Martin University \$5M & \$5M for all other public universities to enroll minority low income first generation college students
- ✓ Funds Adult Learning Programs to reduce waiting lists for adult education training programs - \$12M
- ✓ IU & PU separate downtown Indy campus conversion - \$120M

WORKFORCE SUPPORT

- ✓ Tripled workforce ready grants \$58M (employees) to skill up & maintains Employer Training Grants (employers)
- ✓ Governor's Workforce Cabinet Recommendations \$7.5M
- ✓ Adult Education DWD Remedial Programs: +\$16M to increase Excel Centers & Christel House capacity; maintains Gary Middle College capacity. \$44.5M FY24 and \$52.5M FY25.
- ✓ Childcare bump for CCDF Vouchers, Employer Tax Credit, Increase for Pre K Eligibility
- ✓ Early Learning Centers: (More than Childcare). FSSA's Employer Innovation Grants 2 \$25M (Federal). Pre School Development Grants \$14M/yr (Federal) with \$4.2M annual match. Lilly Endowment Indiana Grants \$50M
- ✓ Funding for INVETS to Recruit Veterans to move to Indiana after their service

PUBLIC HEALTH

- ✓ Implements Public Health Commission Recommendations to improve public health outcomes via new Governance & Structure; Staffing Expertise & Collaboration; Permitting, State/Local Match 80%-20%. - \$225M
- ✓ Local Trauma Care & EMS training & readiness; data analytics; oral health childhood dental, vision, immunization school screenings; increasing the states strategic stockpile, infectious disease.
- ✓ Increased the HIP Medicaid Reimbursement Rate to 100% of the Medicare Rate vs 83% it was - \$38M
- ✓ Increased DCS Provider Rates \$38.5M
- ✓ DCS Provider Workforce Stabilization Grants - \$30M
- ✓ Funded Mental Health to expand Mobile Crisis Teams & 9-8-8 Crisis & Suicide Lifeline services - \$100M
- ✓ Regional Mental Health Facility Grants \$10M
- ✓ Child Behavioral Health Services \$2M
- ✓ Drug Addiction Support: Treatment Finder, Recovery Hubs
- ✓ Strategically invests \$500M from the National Opioid Settlement to help those suffering from addiction
- ✓ Doubled the support for Local Food Banks - \$4M
- ✓ GRANTS to local entities to address mental health needs of the justice-involved population (\$40M targeted to for juveniles/\$10M for regional health facilities for incarcerated individuals) - \$50M
- ✓ Financially Supports local programs directly targeting reducing the Veteran Suicide rate - \$2M

INFRASTRUCTURE

- ☑ Fully funds our Roads & Bridges Budget with cash not debt financed \$4.4B this year back down to \$3.6B annually & rest stops
- ☑ Finishes Double Tracking the South Rail Line 5/24 & the West Lake Corridor Rail Expansion 5/25
- ☑ Funds round 4 of the Broadband Internet Next Level Connections program - \$70M
- ☑ Upgrades Regional Airports in Gary \$9.8M, Fort Wayne \$5M, South Bend \$7.4M, Warsaw \$2M = \$26M
- ☑ Funds the pursuit of more regional direct flights
- ☑ Public Land conservation - \$10M + Origin Park 1,400 acres - \$37M + Busseron CRANE buffer project 4,700 acres - \$1.9M
- ☑ Trails \$30M
- ☑ READI 2.0 \$500M
- ☑ Created state-backed housing revolving loan fund to help local governments invest in infrastructure and encourage new housing projects in their communities - \$75M
- ☑ Recall, READI 1.0 for mixed use development was %42 & water/waste water infrastructure
- ☑ Homelessness

PUBLIC SAFETY

- ☑ Increases annual school safety funding \$6M - now \$25M
- ☑ Increases State Trooper starting pay to \$70,000 (up from \$53,690)
- ☑ Increases Conservation Officers, State Excise Agents, Capitol Police salaries
- ☑ Funds statewide standardized Regional Professional Firefighter Training Infrastructure & funds PPE for volunteer Firefighters
- ☑ Fully Funds the Judicial Branch adding more Problem Solving Courts & ways to modernize how the courts serve citizens
- ☑ Increases state employee pay to %80 of market (based off of the first comp study since the 1970's)