

## COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, October, 19, 2012

### DISCUSSION ITEM A:

#### Defining College Readiness – A Panel Discussion

##### **Background**

The collaboration between Indiana's K-12 and postsecondary education communities plays a critical role in ensuring the long-term success of Hoosier students. State data show up to one third of all first-time Indiana public college students and more than two-thirds of community college students are identified as needing remediation in English or math. Only one in four college students in remediation graduate within six years.

Clearly, there is a disconnect between the knowledge and skills many students have when they graduate from high school and what they need for success in credit-bearing college courses. With that challenge in mind, Indiana is committed, through a strong collaboration between Indiana's K-12 and higher education system, to address this disconnect through clearer delineation of the specific knowledge and skills students need to demonstrate to meet college and career-ready standards, better identification as to whether students are on track to graduate ready for college and careers, and more effective interventions for addressing knowledge and skill gaps prior to high school graduation and enrollment in postsecondary education.

Indiana is fully committed to the shared goal of this opportunity: to promote successful implementation of the Common Core State Standards and the use of corresponding aligned assessments in the determination of a student's readiness for placement into credit-bearing courses by the state's postsecondary institutions.

Indiana Higher Education Commissioner Teresa Lubbers, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Tony Bennett, and Dr. Pam Horne, Associate Vice Provost for Enrollment Management and Dean of Admissions at Purdue University, will engage in a panel discussion to share perspectives on Indiana's efforts to promote greater clarity and alignment between the state's K-12 and higher education sectors and to ensure college readiness and success for Hoosier students.