



# INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

TO: Mr. Steve Lindahl, Assistant Director, Calumet Christian School; Mr. Dan Obinger, Administrator,  
Calumet Christian School  
FROM: Brian Murphy, Hearing Officer  
RE: Calumet Christian School, 2015–16 Letter Grade  
DATE: February 16, 2017

**Finding:** Calumet Christian School's ("CCS") appeal of its "F" grade should be granted, resulting in an "A" grade designation for 2015–16.

## I. Facts

In 2013-14 CCS became accredited by an accreditation agency recognized by the SBOE, administered the ISTEP+ assessment for the first time, and became subject to the SBOE's accountability rule. CCS received a "no grade" designation in 2013-14 and in 2014-15, and received an "F" grade in 2015-16.

## II. Argument and Analysis

The SBOE's accountability rule states that new schools receive a grade calculation based solely on growth for the first three years. See 511 IAC 6.2-10-10. Hence, CCS should receive a grade calculation based on growth only for 2015-16 – its third school year since becoming accredited.

Cynthia Roach, the SBOE's Senior Director of Accountability & Assessment, calculated CCS's grade using growth only, which resulted in a designation of "A."

## III. Conclusion

CCS's grade should be changed from an "F" grade to an "A" grade, and the "A" grade should be published in accordance IC 20-31-8-6(b).