



SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
INDIANA UNIVERSITY

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Dear MCCSC parents/guardians and students:

In order to understand the perspectives of all local stakeholders regarding potential district decisions around high school scheduling, the district has engaged Indiana University's INsite Consortium, an existing district partner, to gather and analyze data from various stakeholders. These stakeholders include current high school students, who have a distinctive and immediate interest in this topic. **You are receiving this letter either as a student or as a parent/guardian of a student who has been selected to participate in a focus group, which will give us and them the opportunity to discuss their academic experiences under their current schedule, depending on their school.** You/your student was selected using a stratified random sample, which allows us to invite students from groups that filled out our survey at a lower rate than other groups of students. It is our goal to hear as equally as possible from students of all different backgrounds and interests in the district, to understand students' experiences under the current structure as well as what they might be interested in experiencing differently.

None of the participants' answers will be shared with teachers or school or district administrators, or anyone else, in any identifiable way. We will analyze patterns of student responses and share these patterns with the district administration as they work toward making their final decisions. The focus groups will be audio-recorded to enable accurate analysis of responses, and these recordings will be destroyed after the analysis is complete. Recordings will not be shared with anyone other than the group facilitator.

If you would like to participate/have your student participate, you do not need to do anything; the school principal will make sure that you/your student is released from class/activities in order to participate. If you do **not** want to participate/do not want your student to participate in this focus group, please do **one** of the following: check the box on this form (<https://forms.gle/H7P3BrGJF1jn2kZn7>), email me at stewarmo@indiana.edu, or let your/student's principal know.

Sincerely,

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