



“...things are very complicated in Indiana,” Dr. Jennifer McCormick, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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## Framing the Issues

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- In NPE's "Grading the States" report, Indiana received an F for its school privatization policies and is near the bottom overall and for its policies on vouchers and charter schools.
- A network of reform organizations: The Mind Trust, Stand for Children, Democrats for Education Reform, Eli Lilly (and its foundation), Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, Center on Reinventing Public Education, the local Teach for America and Teach Plus.

# How Indiana Fights Back

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- **Indiana Coalition for Public Education** – at the Indiana General Assembly opposing legislation that:
  - funds private school vouchers
  - expands private school tax credits
  - privatizes charter schools through private colleges and agencies to be authorizers
  - places for-profit managers in place to take a profit from operating public schools
  - privatizes public schools through any other means

Source [www.ICPE2011.com](http://www.ICPE2011.com)

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- **Indiana State Teachers Association** – Fighting to preserve public education through:
  - *Bill Watch* which tracks education legislation
  - *Action Center* which allows public education advocates opportunities to join in direction action
  - *Statehouse Days of Action* allow advocates to connect with legislators on important education bills

Source [www.ISTA.org](http://www.ISTA.org)

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- **IPS Community Coalition (Indy AROS Chapter)** – Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS) parents, IPS current and former teachers and staff, IPS students and IPS alumni, community members, and local community organizations.
  - Ensuring parent and community voice in IPS
  - School Board and Administration accountability and transparency of Innovation Network Schools (charter and non-charter schools within the IPS Portfolio) and IPS finances
  - Providing a research, workshops, speakers, and trainings about issues in IPS.

## Other Indiana Allies

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- Parent Power
- Parents Across America
- Washington Township Parent Council Network
- Concerned Clergy of Greater Indianapolis
- Indiana Coalition for Public Education - Monroe County and South Central Indiana
- Northeast Indiana Friends of Public Education

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- Parents & Educators Against the Daniels & Bennett Educational Reform
- Indy Apples
- Hoosier Voices for Public Education
- Indiana Political Action Committee for Education
- Muncie Friends of Public Education
- American Federation of Teachers – Indiana