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To: All Staff, Parents, and the ISD Community
From: David Geeslin, Superintendent/CEO
Date: March 19, 2009
Re: Important Message from Dr. Tony Bennett

PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS MESSAGE

On Tuesday, March 17, 2009, Indiana school districts were informed by Dr. Tony Bennett, Superintendent of Public Instruction, that the Indiana Department of Education would no longer grant waivers to schools to use half-days for professional development activities or for parent-teacher conferences. In recent years, these half-days counted as full instructional days toward the 180 day requirement. Under the new policy professional development activities and parent-teacher conferences must be conducted outside of the 180 day requirement.

This change in policy, effective in the 2009-2010 school year will require the Indiana School for the Deaf to adjust the school calendar. We are sorry for the short notice on this change, but we had no prior notice that the policy change was a possibility. We will work as quickly as possible to provide an updated calendar to the ISD School Board for approval.

You may access Dr. Bennett's statement at
http://www.doe.in.gov/news/2009/03-March/instructional_day_policy.html

cc: ISD School Board