

EnVision Commission Meeting No. 1

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Glossary of Terms and Acronyms

1) ADM – Average Daily Membership

- a) The official student enrollment of a public school district, as counted on the third Friday of September each year. Kindergarten students are counted as $\frac{1}{2}$ student regardless of whether they are enrolled in a true Full Day Kindergarten program or a traditional half-time Kindergarten program. Other students may be counted at some fractional number as a result of specific and unique enrollment situations (special needs, etc.). As a result the ADM is always smaller than the total actual number of students served.

2) AP – Advanced Placement

- a) A course that is established by the College Board and must be approved by the College Board prior to being determined an “AP” course. AP courses can count as college credit if the AP test is taken, the appropriate score is received, and the specific college accepts it.

3) AV – Assessed Value

- a) In the context of property taxes, the value of a parcel (or group of parcels) by which the property tax rate is multiplied to determine the property taxes to be paid.

4) BCSC – Brownsburg Community School Corporation

- a) The legal entity commonly referred to as “Brownsburg Schools”, serving the geographic area of Brown and Lincoln Townships, including the Town of Brownsburg.

5) BCTA – Brownsburg Classroom Teachers Association

- a) The local unit of the Indiana State Teachers Association and the collective bargaining unit with which the Brownsburg Community School Corporation negotiates teacher contracts.

6) CarDel – Cardinal and Delaware Trail Elementary School

- a) Cardinal and Delaware Trail Elementary Schools are housed in a single structure sharing core support services such as HVAC, Food Service, and Technology. The two schools are commonly referred to as “CarDel”.

7) CLC – Challenger Learning Center

- a) The Challenger Learning Center is a curricular program focused primarily on elementary and middle school students emphasizing applied mathematics, science, communications, and collaborative work environment. The program is one of nearly 60 such centers worldwide, and is utilized by BCSC, other school districts, community groups, and corporations. Fees are charged to non-BCSC groups to offset costs.

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8) CPF – Capital Projects Fund

- a) The accounting fund established to support building and grounds maintenance and improvements, technology equipment, systems, and minor equipment purchases within the school buildings. By statute, only selected technology staff can be and are paid from the Capital Projects Fund.

9) DOE – Department of Education

- a) Depending upon context, this can be either the Indiana Department of Education or the United States Department of Education.

10) Dual Credit

- a) Course taught using a college syllabus, providing credit towards both the high school diploma and a college degree.

11) ENL – English as a New Language

- a) Program(s) whose purpose is to accelerate the learning of English by those students whose native language is other than English.

12) FDK – Full Day Kindergarten

- a) True “Full Day Kindergarten” is a Kindergarten program where students attend a full day of school five days a week, just like any other grade level. Brownsburg currently has 11 FDK classrooms.
- b) The current “standard” BCSC Kindergarten program is a full day every other day program, where a students attend a full day on Monday and Wednesday, and alternate Fridays, with a corresponding class attending full day on Tuesday and Thursday, and the opposite Friday. The result is 50% attendance, but with each attendance day being a full school day.

13) HEC – Harris Education Center

- a) The Harris Education Center is located at 725 South Green Street and houses the Challenger Learning Center, BCSC Technology Services offices and shops, The Harris Academy (alternative school program), BCSC Student Services offices (special needs and school psychologists), and the BCSC-TV studios (district television channel).

14) IASBO – Indiana Association of School Business Officials

- a) The advocacy organization of school business officials in Indiana.

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15) ISBA – Indiana School Boards Association

- a) The advocacy organization of Indiana School Boards.

16) LOIT – Local Option Income Tax

- a) An income tax imposed by a local unit of government.

17) NCLB – No Child Left Behind

- a) Federal statute mandating improved student performance for all students.

18) OT/PT – Occupational Therapy/Physical Therapy

- a) Occupational Therapy assists special needs students in learning daily life skills.**

- b) Physical Therapy assists special needs students in improving their physical mobility.**

19) RIF - Reduction In Force

- a) The process through which teaching staff are reduced. Staff covered under the collective bargaining agreement are “RIFed” based upon both Board of School Trustee’s policy as well as by statute.

20) RTI - Response To Intervention

- a) Response To Intervention is BCSC’s response to the mandated requirement to provide intervention to “at risk students’ in language arts, math, and behavior.

21) TIF - Tax Increment Finance

- a) Tax Increment Finance Districts are geographic areas where property taxes are charged at the same rate as the overall community but revenues are restricted for use to pay for utility infrastructure, etc. within the TIF District. TIF districts are commonly utilized to provide economic development areas within communities.

22) Title I

- a) A federal grant targeted at students who are at risk in reading and mathematics.**