



# Vigo County School Corporation

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Indiana public school funding ranks 47<sup>th</sup> in the nation according to the National Education Association. According to the Rockefeller Institute, Indiana ranks 51<sup>st</sup> in the country for teacher salary raises over the last 10 years.

These numbers are part of the reason why educators, parents, and concerned citizens from across the state will gather in Indianapolis on Tuesday, November 19 for the Red For Ed Action Day at the Statehouse. November 19 is Organization Day at the Statehouse, and legislators will come together ahead of the 2020 Legislative Session to talk about priorities. Many educators in Vigo County, rightly concerned about declining state funding, have requested personal days on Tuesday, November 19 so that they may travel to Indianapolis to share their concerns with legislators ahead of the 2020 Legislative Session.

“Our teachers are charged to care for our community’s most precious gifts: our children,” said Dr. Rob Haworth, Superintendent. “In over 50 community meetings, we mentioned that teachers don’t enter the profession to be rich, but they do deserve a salary that is more competitive with neighboring states. We support our educators as they call for education to be the top priority in the 2020 Legislative Session.”

**The Vigo County School Corporation will have a snow day on Tuesday, November 19. We will make the day up on our first snow makeup day on Friday, February 14.** Administrative offices will remain open.

Every day is important to the educational experience of our students, and utilizing our flexible schedule by cancelling school on November 19 and making it up on February 14 allows students to have a more significant academic experience. As of Friday morning, 46 school corporations around Indiana have made a similar decision, and we expect that number to grow.

Vigo County voters made an eight-year investment in our local school corporation on November 5. By supporting our educators and allowing them to travel to Indianapolis on November 19, it is our hope that changes are made at the state level to make a more sustainable investment in all Indiana schools.

We apologize for the inconvenience this will cause you and your family, but snow days always come with a degree of inconvenience. It is our hope that by letting you know as early as possible, this inconvenience can be minimized while our local educators fight for sustainable educational funding in Indiana.