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## VOTE YES FOR IPS ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018

### **The State of Indianapolis Public Schools:**

- 88 unique programs and schools
- More than 31,000 students (the most in three years) and 2,000 teachers & certified personnel
- The current IPS graduation rate is 83 percent—ten years ago it was 47 percent
- IPS serves more than 840,000 meals each month—and almost 85,000 meals during our Breaks
- Our buses travel more than 20,000 miles every day
- We are a majority-minority District (78 percent non-white and 22 percent white)
- Sixteen percent of our students are English-language learners; 19 percent are students with special needs

### **Keeping Our Own Financial House:**

- Due to property tax caps and reductions in state and federal funding, IPS has lost tens of millions of dollars in the past four years
- Despite this, IPS has invested an additional \$8.8 million annually the past three years to provide teacher raises and maintain cost-neutral benefits
- Since 2011, IPS has reduced central office expenses by 32.5 percent (on a per-pupil basis)
- IPS has realized more than \$18 million dollars from right-sizing real estate holdings
- IPS has not sought funds through the referendum process since 2008 (while most other school districts in Marion County have placed referenda on the ballot since then)

 **KEY REFERENDA FACT: MONTHLY TAX IMPACT FOR THE AVERAGE PROPERTY VALUE IN THE IPS DISTRICT WILL BE \$3.19**

### **Benefits of a Successful Capital Referendum**

- Eighty percent of the \$52 million capital referenda funds will go to enhance school security
- Proposed improvements include bollards, upgraded emergency communication capabilities, and more secure windows

### **Benefits of a Successful Operating Referendum**

- IPS has stated plainly that monies from the operating referendum will be dedicated to remaining competitive for teacher and school leader salaries
- If passed, IPS will continue to have the necessary resources to fund its dynamic special needs program