

Indianapolis Charter School Board,

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Good evening.

I know the Indianapolis Charter School Board is aware of the Charles A. Tindley School. Is the board aware of the Tindley episode recently covered by a Monroe County Coalition for Public Education blogger?

Back in the spring of 2005, issues around accurate Indiana and IPS graduation rates arose. Data showed there were discrepancies between IDOE/IPS rates and rates calculated by independent national-level institutions and organizations. This led to the *Indy Star's* Left Behind series.

As of April 18, 2022, almost 17 years later, nothing has changed. These same issues are still around according to the Monroe County Coalition for Public Education which published a blog titled, "School data is bunk."

For example, the IDOE 2020 graduation rate of Mayor Hogsett's Charles A. Tindley School was an outstanding 97.5%! Educators and families were enthused and wanted to know how this happened.

Soon though, positive-motivated inquires about this charter turned to concern as the data showed for the class of 2020 that Tindley had 91 9th graders, yet only 43 made it to the 12th grade after 3 years. Then, just 39 of those 43 seniors graduated.

This was a loss of over 50% of the original cohort, yet the grad rate was almost 98%! Go figure...?

Here's the link to the whole story, "From 2005 to 2022, nothing's changed: The public may still have misleading grad rates from its high schools":
<http://vorcreatex.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/From-2005-to-2022-The-public-may-still-have-misleading-graduation-rates-from-its-high-schools.pdf>.

Now that citizens around the state are aware of the issues raised here, doubt is cast on each IDOE school's grad rate calculations. Whom do I talk to at the Indianapolis Charter School Board about this?

Let's talk soon,

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