

Who is giving away our IPS high schools?

IPS 2017 Facilities Utilization Task Force: External Community Members

As is obvious here, the group Supt. Ferebee/IPS put together to advise the district’s plans to “right-size” is marked by real estate interests. This makes sense. Charters are really about land development, not reform or education: <http://vorcreatex.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Urban-school-reform-is-really-about-land-development-not-schools-or-reform.pdf>.

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Bill Taft, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)	LISC Executive Director. Perhaps since 2005, the pioneer of urban renewal (aka gentrification: the displacement of Indy’s original urban area residents), Bill/LISC made <i>real estate</i> development the theme of “urban renewal” (aka, the gentrification of Ft. Sq., Mass. Ave., E. 16 th St.). LISC inspired Great Places 2020 is Indy’s latest gentrification move and supports IPS Innovation schools. greatplaces2020.org/l-o-v-e/ Bill’s wife Joanna was instrumental in founding Herron HS and Riverside HS charters. http://liscindianapolis.org/ wtaft@lisc.org
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Question: How many External Community Members are IPS district parents, residents, teachers, or students?
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