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“Governor Pence Signs Historic Education Budget at Lebanon’s “A” Rated Perry-Worth Elementary”

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Indiana Governor Mike Pence signed the state’s recently passed budget Thursday afternoon at Lebanon Schools Perry-Worth Elementary. The budget, which includes more than \$480 million in new money for K-12 funding is a state record for education dollars. “The 2015 legislative session of the Indiana General Assembly was an education session, and the biennial budget speaks volumes of its success,” said Governor Pence. “Hoosier parents should be encouraged by the state’s level of commitment and the historic investment in education at every level. The achievements of the legislative session highlight our commitment to high-quality education as demonstrated at Perry-Worth Elementary School.” The Governor was joined for the signing by legislative leaders and some 380 students. Perry-Worth is a high-performing academic K-5 school outside Lebanon and the most diverse school in the district.

Lebanon Superintendent Dr. Robert Taylor introduced the governor. “We are honored Governor Pence and legislative leaders chose our district as the location for this event. We believe it is due in part to our commitment to provide the latest in digital curriculum technology to our students”, stated Taylor. Lebanon Schools moved away from text books three years ago at the high school level providing all students with a take-home MacBook Air computer. School leaders say this has led to the creation of a fully integrated digital high school. “Increasing student led technology into the classroom has also led to a more fully engaged student body”, concluded Taylor.

Over two years, HEA 1001 includes \$70 million in teacher performance grants and continues Indiana’s first pre-K pilot program while investing \$48 million in career and technical education. Governor Pence called it an historic investment in education, innovation and reform.

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