

CREATE A GENERATION  
OF PEACEMAKERS



# ONE INDY

Imagine a future in which all children are able to live in peaceful, supportive neighborhoods.

## NEED FOR ONE INDY

Children who live in Indy's six focus neighborhoods are **six times more likely** to be victims of crimes than children who live in any other neighborhood in our city. The resulting psychological stresses caused by this increased exposure to violence leads to academic challenges, disruptive behaviors, and lifelong challenges which perpetuate cycles of poverty and violence.

Oftentimes, parents of these children feel disconnected from their children's schools due to negative interactions with these institutions in their past. To create a better, more productive, and safer community for all of us to enjoy, we need to start as early as possible to help our city's most vulnerable children by creating peaceful, supportive neighborhoods and schools.

### What is One Indy?

One Indy is a long-term education initiative led by Peace Learning Center, in partnership with the Dept. of Public Safety and Indianapolis Public Schools, that will focus on elementary school students, parents, and teachers at schools that serve the six focus neighborhoods. Through One Indy, we will strive to achieve the following goals:

- enhance positive connections between teachers, parents, law enforcement, and the community;
- reinforce schools as welcoming community places to create a more peaceful Indianapolis;
- improve student behavior to increase academic performance;
- and increase youth protective factors by teaching social-emotional learning skills such as self-awareness, self-management, responsible decision making, and maintaining healthy relationships.

Partner schools were chosen based on their commitment to assisting in program implementation and the need of their students.

### Year #1 Partner Schools

- IPS 69 Joyce Kilmer Elementary School
- IPS 51 James Russell Lowell Elementary School
- IPS 58 Ralph Waldo Emerson Elementary School
- IPS 15 Thomas Gregg Elementary School
- IPS 39 William McKinley Elementary School (pending)

The initiative is projected to serve 1,660 people in year #1. The plan is to implement the initiative for at least three years starting with five elementary schools the first year and increasing partners to include as many schools as possible in the target neighborhoods by year three.

*"Safety and security don't just happen, they are the result of collective consensus and public investment. We owe our children, the most vulnerable citizens in our society, a life free of violence and fear."*

— Nelson Mandela



### PROPOSED OUTCOMES

- 75% of students served will demonstrate an improvement in their social-emotional learning skill of self-awareness, self-management, responsible decision making, and maintaining healthy relationships.
- School administrators at the targeted elementary schools will report a 50% reduction in fights, bullying and other disciplinary actions in the school.
- 75% of the parents, teachers, and community stakeholders who participate in the program will report an improvement in positive connections between the school and community.