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In Education, we are focused on improving academic outcomes for students by supporting the conditions necessary to grow the supply of high-performing schools and programs. We will also minimize underemployment and the workforce skills gap by supporting the delivery of cost-effective education and training programs.

In Health, we aim to reduce the rate of tobacco use, eliminate youth nicotine use and prevent and address substance use disorder.

To improve the vitality of Indianapolis, we will identify and support key economic drivers – like talent attraction and development initiatives – that will help to create a more vibrant Indianapolis.

Sources:

¹Indiana Department of Education. RMFF calculations of the 2018-19 non-waiver graduation rate for Indianapolis schools.

²Indiana State Department of Health. 2018 deaths by drug poisoning.

³County Health Rankings. 2017 adult smoking rate.