



The Assembly

A gathering of what inspires and challenges us.



THE ASSEMBLY: Big Ideas Gathered in One Place

It's here. We've collected the latest news happening in Indianapolis and in the world of education, and we're sharing our findings with you. Every two months, you'll get this newsletter with articles that relate to our core values - articles that inform, inspire and challenge us. Read on, and join the conversation.

In this issue:

- Separate, but Ignored: Segregation persists 50 years after *Brown v. Board*
- In Defense of the Starving Artist: The importance of Humanities in a Digital Age
- Two Oaks alumni investigate the impact of a good school on a community
- Why The Oaks is fully staffed in a state ranked 4th worst in teacher recruitment & retention



Articles/Podcasts on: True Education Real Diversity Urban Renewal
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[Re-Segregation of Schools | The Indy Star](#)

After a 35-year busing program, IPS is more segregated than before. Find out why school segregation persists sixty years after *Brown v. Board of Education*. (And it's bigger than Indy: [re-segregation of schools is a national problem](#).)

[The Importance of Humanities | Aspen Ideas Festival](#)

The president of Harvard and a Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution explain the value of studying art history when jobs are in STEM.

[Promise Zone Update | The Indy East Promise Zone](#)

The Indy East Promise Zone received \$9.6 million in federal grants in its first year. [Learn how these funds are transforming neighborhoods](#) around The Oaks.

[Why Indiana's Voucher Program is so Popular | Chalkbeat](#)

Indiana's Choice Scholarship Program is the largest school voucher program in the country. Find out the most common reason why Hoosier families choose an alternative to public school.

[School at the Center of a Neighborhood | City Gallery](#)

Listen as two Oaks alumni tell the story of IPS school 26, the new home of The Oaks Middle school, and explain how a good school can help a neighborhood thrive.

♥ [Smithsonian puts Indiana farm community on the map | *The Washington Post*](#)

A community in southwestern Indiana is making national headlines thanks to the grand opening of the Smithsonian's latest museum honoring African-American history and culture. [Check out how this little farming town fits into the larger narrative of American history.](#)

💬 [A Great Place to Work | *Indiana Business Review*](#)

A spokesperson for First Person, an Indianapolis consulting firm, discusses how The Oaks is able to attract and keep teachers, even in [a state that ranks among the lowest in teacher recruitment and retention.](#)

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