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2026

# LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST



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## WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

For more than twenty years, the Indiana Latino Institute has worked alongside communities, partners, and leaders across our state to expand opportunity for Latino Hoosiers. What began in 2001 as a health-focused effort has grown into a statewide organization advancing education, workforce development, leadership, and civic engagement.

As we enter a new year—and mark our 25th anniversary—this work feels especially timely. More than 600,000 Latinos now call Indiana home, contributing to the strength of our economy, our schools, and our communities. Ensuring access to education, career pathways, and meaningful participation in civic life is essential to Indiana's future.

Today's Legislative Breakfast brings together policymakers, business leaders, and community partners committed to that shared goal. Thank you for being here, for engaging in thoughtful dialogue, and for your continued partnership in building a stronger Indiana for all. Welcome to the 2026 Indiana Latino Institute Legislative Breakfast.

Warm regards,



Andrew L. Peñalva  
Acting President and CEO  
Indiana Latino Institute



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## BREAKFAST AGENDA

### Opening

Rafael Sánchez, Anchor/Reporter,  
FOX-59/CBS4

### Invocation

Andy Goodwin  
CEO, Covenant Christian High School

### Welcome Remarks

Sam Centellas, ILI Board Chair  
Andrew Peñalva, ILI Acting President/CEO  
Dr. Danny Mendez, Sr. Director of Education Policy

### Latino Legislative Caucus Recognition

Representative Mike Andrade  
Representative Victoria Garcia Wilburn  
Representative Earl Harris, Jr.  
Representative Danny Lopez  
Senator Cyndi Carrasco  
Senator Rodney Pol

### Indiana Legislator Leadership Panel

Senator Shelli Yoder, Minority Caucus Leader  
Representative Victoria Garcia Wilburn  
Representative Danny Lopez

### Closing

Rafael Sánchez,  
Anchor/Reporter,  
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# Why Give?

The Latino/Hispanic community is the fastest-growing ethnic segment, projected to increase by a remarkable **167%** from **2010 to 2050**, far outpacing the overall population's growth rate of **42%**. With this rapid growth, the need to support our Latino youth with education and leadership training has never been more crucial. The vitality of our Indiana community is intricately linked to the prosperity of our Latino/Hispanic community.

**Your generous support can make a significant impact by:**

- Enhancing educational achievement and college success.
- Fostering leadership development.
- Championing advocacy and policy initiatives.

Together, we can empower the Latino/Hispanic youth and ensure they play a pivotal role in shaping a brighter future for Indiana. **Your contribution matters.**

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