

Indiana House of Representatives: 2014-present

House District 32: Includes all of Tipton County and portions of Hamilton, Howard, Grant, Madison and Delaware counties.

Committees:

- Education (Vice Chair)
- Family, Children and Human Affairs
- Judiciary

Statehouse Phone Number: 317-232-9863

Education:

- Anderson College - Bachelor's Degree in Social Studies and Political Science
- Butler University – Master's Degree in Education: Educational Administration
- Purdue University - Superintendent License and Curriculum Specialist Degree

Activities:

- Cicero Christian Church Member
- Cicero Little League Coach
- Indiana Principal Leadership Institute Member
- Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents Member
- Indiana Association of School Principals Member
- Hamilton North Chamber of Commerce Member
- Indiana Farm Bureau Member
- National Rifle Association Member

Honors:

- Boss of the Year, Hamilton County Business Women
- State Finalist, District Principal of the Year
- Health Award (promoting health and wellness), Governor Mitch Daniels and First Lady Cheri Daniels
- Service Awards, Noblesville Schools and Hamilton Heights School Corporation
- High School Library named for (HHHS)
- Community Health Award (representing Hamilton Heights' Ryan White), Governor Robert Orr

Occupation: Teacher/Principal/Superintendent (retired)

State Representative Tony Cook joined the Indiana House of Representatives in December 2014.

Since joining the state legislature, Rep. Cook has served as a strong advocate for education reform. Last session, he carried the largest education deregulation bill in the House. The law substantially reduced regulatory burden, allowing schools to focus more time and resources in the classroom. Throughout the legislative process, Rep. Cook facilitated nearly two dozen accommodations, concessions or compromises on various aspects of the bill in order to achieve broad, bipartisan support from all education stakeholders. The bill passed unanimously.

His leadership in the General Assembly stems from a career in education that has spanned more than 40 years, including 36 years in various leadership capacities at Hamilton Heights, Clinton Prairie and Noblesville School Corporations. His many years of experience, accrued knowledge and compassion have strengthened K-12 education in Indiana and put Hoosier students on the path to success.

In 1987, Rep. Cook gained national attention as he welcomed HIV-positive teenager Ryan White to Hamilton Heights High School at the height of an HIV/AIDS crisis riddled with public misperception. Rep. Cook continues to speak across the country on the power and importance of acceptance and AIDS education.

Outside of his role in the legislature, Rep. Cook is involved in a number of community activities. He resides in Cicero with his wife Kathryn, a practicing attorney in Frankfort. Together, they have two grown sons; Tyler and Travis.