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February 14, 2014

Charter School Board
East Chicago Lighthouse Charter School
3916 Pulaski Street
East Chicago, IN 46312

We have reviewed the Supplemental Audit Report prepared by Fitzgerald/Isaac, LLC, Independent Public Accountants, for the period July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013. In our opinion, the Supplemental Audit Report was prepared in accordance with the guidelines established by the State Board of Accounts.

We call your attention to the finding in the report. Page 3 contains one audit result and comment. Management's response is on page 5.

In addition to the report presented herein, a Financial Statements and Independent Auditors' Report for East Chicago Lighthouse Charter School was prepared in accordance with the guidelines established by the State Board of Accounts.

The Supplemental Audit Report and the Financial Statements and Independent Auditors' Report are filed in our office as a matter of public record.

State Board of Accounts

SUPPLEMENTAL AUDIT REPORT

OF

EAST CHICAGO LIGHTHOUSE CHARTER SCHOOL

LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013

Fitzgerald | Isaac LLC
Certified Public Accountants

EAST CHICAGO LIGHTHOUSE CHARTER SCHOOL

LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

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LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

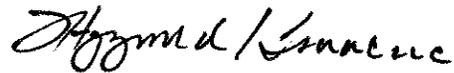
School Officials

Year Ended June 30, 2013

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
President of Board of Directors	Thakena Hogue	07/01/12 – 09/30/13
	Samuel Snideman	10/01/12 – 06/30/13
Superintendent	Charles Salter	07/01/12 – 02/12/13
	Jamila Newman	02/13/13 – 06/30/13
Treasurer	Robert Stearns	07/01/12 – 06/30/13

The Board of Directors
Lighthouse Academies of Indiana, Inc.

We have audited the financial statements of **East Chicago Lighthouse Charter School** (the "School") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013 and have issued our report thereon dated December 9, 2013. As part of our audit, we tested the School's compliance with provisions of the *Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Indiana Charter Schools* issued by the Indiana State Board of Accounts and related provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements. Reported in the Audit Results and Comments are matters where we believe the School was not in compliance with those provisions.



Indianapolis, IN
December 9, 2013

EAST CHICAGO LIGHTHOUSE CHARTER SCHOOL

LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

Audit Results and Comments

Year Ended June 30, 2013

CASH RECEIPTS AND DEPOSITS

In our audit, we examined records relating to cash received at the school pertaining to such items as uniform sales, student fees, fundraising, and field trips. From a sample of 25 cash receipt transactions comprising items from the 2013 fiscal year, we noted five instances where funds were not deposited timely. Collections were held for as long as two weeks before being deposited.

All charter school money must be deposited in the designated depository not later than the business day following the receipt of funds on business days of the depository in the same form in which the funds were received. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Indiana Charter Schools, Part 8)

EAST CHICAGO LIGHTHOUSE CHARTER SCHOOL

LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

Exit Conference

Year Ended June 30, 2013

The contents of this report were discussed on December 20, 2013 with Otty Westenfield (Chief Financial Officer, Lighthouse Academies, Inc.) and Howard Hammond (Controller, Indiana Lighthouse Charter Schools). The Official Response has been made a part of this report and may be found on page 5.

Lighthouse Academies of Indiana, Inc.

December 23, 2013

Fitzgerald/Isaac LLC
9245 N. Meridian St., Suite 302
Indianapolis, IN 46260
Attn: Eugene P. Fitzgerald

Re: Responses to SBOA Findings for East Chicago Lighthouse Charter School

Dear Sir:

EAST CHICAGO AND CASH RECEIPTS AND DEPOSITS

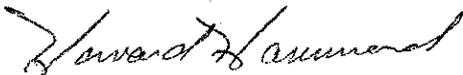
Audit comment: We examined records relating to cash receipts at the school pertaining to such items as uniform sales, student fees, fundraising, and field trips. Out of 25 transactions, we noted five instances where funds were not deposited timely. Collections were held for as long as two weeks before being deposited.

School response: Policies and procedures surrounding cash receipts and deposits have been reviewed with the School Operations Manager by both the Controller and Regional Operations Manager from Lighthouse Academies, Inc. The Regional Operations Manager is based in Indiana, and visits the various schools during the year. Deposit summaries are sent regularly to Lighthouse Academies, Inc. and monitored for compliance and completeness against the bank deposits. Copies of SA-8's and receipts are also submitted for inspection. Timeliness of deposits has been emphasized so that deposits are made daily, and no more than \$50 is held overnight.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Howard Hammond
Controller
Lighthouse Academies of Indiana, Inc.

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We prepare our students for college through a rigorous arts-infused program.