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April 16, 2015

Charter School Board Tindley Accelerated Schools, Inc. 3960 Meadows Drive Indianapolis, IN 46205

We have reviewed the Indiana State Board of Accounts Compliance Report prepared by Crowe Horwath, LLP, Independent Public Accountants, for the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. In our opinion, the Compliance Report was prepared in accordance with the guidelines established by the State Board of Accounts.

We call your attention to the findings in the report. Pages 3 through 5 contain five audit results and comments. Management's response directly follows each finding.

In addition to the report presented herein, a Financial Statements and Independent Auditors' Report for Tindley Accelerated Schools, Inc. was prepared in accordance with the guidelines established by the State Board of Accounts.

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

Paul D. Joyce, CPA State Examiner

# INDIANA STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS COMPLIANCE REPORT OF TINDLEY ACCELERATED SCHOOLS INC.

MARION COUNTY, INDIANA July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

## TINDLEY ACCELERATED SCHOOLS INC.

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# TINDLEY ACCELERATED SCHOOLS INC. ORGANIZATION OFFICIALS July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

Office	Official	Term
Chancellor and CEO	Marcus Robinson	July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014
Chief Operating Officer	Evan Hawkins	July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014
Charter Board President	Randall Lewis	July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014



# INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH GUIDELINES FOR THE AUDITS OF CHARTER SCHOOLS PERFORMED BY PRIVATE EXAMINERS

Board of Trustees Tindley Accelerated Schools Inc. Indianapolis, Indiana

We have audited the financial statements of Tindley Accelerated Schools Inc. ("Organization") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and have issued our report thereon, dated March 20, 2015.

In connection with that audit and with our consideration of Organization's internal control as required by the *Guidelines for the Audits of Charter Schools Performed by Private Examiners* ("Guide"), issued by the Indiana State Board of Accounts, we performed procedures prescribed under the Guide for the year ended June 30, 2014.

As required by the Guide, we performed procedures to test compliance with the requirements that are applicable to the Organization. Our procedures were substantially narrower in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on the Organization's compliance with these requirements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance with those requirements, which are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as items 14-004, 14-005, 14-006, 14-007, and 14-008.

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing over compliance with the requirements prescribed under the Guide and the results of that testing, and not to provide a legal determination of compliance with those requirements. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

The Organization's responses to the findings identified are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings. The Organization's responses were not subjected to the procedures applied and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

Crowe Howath LLP

Indianapolis, Indiana March 20, 2015

### TINDLEY ACCELERATED SCHOOLS INC. SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

#### FINDING 14-004: REVIEW OF CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS

**Criteria:** Part 10 of the Indiana Charter School Manual states in part, "payment shall not be made on the basis of a statement or a credit card slip only. Procedures for payments shall be no different than for any other claim. Supporting documents such as paid bills and receipts must be available. Additionally, any interest or penalty incurred due to late filing or furnishing of documentation by an officer or employee shall be the responsibility of that officer or employee."

**Condition**: The Organization has a credit card policy in place which requires receipts to be provided to the School Treasurer in a timely manner. We selected sixteen credit card transactions and payments noting receipts were not properly maintained to support eight of those transactions totaling \$8,985.

**Recommendation**: We recommend management require the collection of all credit card receipts prior to credit card payments being approved. The receipts should be reviewed for appropriateness and reconciled to the credit card statement monthly. We recommend management document their review of credit card receipts. Any credit card purchases made by the CEO or COO should be reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee Chairperson.

Management Response: Accept: Note the credit card is in the name of the school and not the individual, consequently if charges are denied and not paid the school is responsible for paying the interest on the outstanding transactions. Management recommends that in accordance with the Travel policy, that detailed credit card receipts are required to be collected and approved prior to payment of the credit card. The receipts should be approved and reviewed for appropriateness by the Finance Committee Chairperson.

#### FINDING 14-005: PENALTIES, INTEREST, AND OTHER CHARGES

**Criteria:** Part 10 of the Indiana Charter School Manual states in part, "Officials and employees have the duty to pay claims and remit taxes in a timely fashion. Additionally, officials and employees have a responsibility to perform duties in a manner which would not result in any unreasonable fees being assessed against the governmental unit. Any penalties, interest or other charges paid by the governmental unit may be the personal obligation of the responsible official or employee."

**Condition**: During testing of vendor disbursements, we noted one instance in a sample of 32, in which penalties, in the amount of \$131, were remitted on behalf of late disbursements.

**Recommendation**: We recommend the School remit payment for goods and services timely in order to prevent an assessment of late charges or penalties by the vendor.

**Management Response**: Agree - Most of our vendors require payment upon receipt of the invoice which does not always allow for timely payment. Management attempts to pursue 30 to 60 day terms with new vendors to ensure payments are made timely and late charges are avoided. Management plans to review current vendor terms and develop a plan to re-negotiate payment terms.

## TINDLEY ACCELERATED SCHOOLS INC. SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

#### FINDING 14-006: USE OF PRESCRIBED OF EXTRA-CURRICULAR TICKET SALE FORMS

Criteria: Part 8 of the Indiana Charter School Manual states in part, "All tickets (including free or reduced) must be listed and accounted for on the SA-4 Ticket Sales Form." Part 10 of the Indiana Charter School Manual states in part, "All charter schools are required by law to use the forms prescribed by the State Board of Accounts, however, if desirable to have a prescribed form modified to conform for computer applications, a letter and copies of the proposed form may be submitted to the State Board of Accounts for approval. No form should be printed and placed into use, other than a prescribed form, without prior approval."

**Condition:** The Organization does not utilize Form SA-4 (Ticket Sales Form), as prescribed by the State Board of Accounts, to list and account for all extra-curricular tickets issued.

Recommendation: We recommend management use the prescribed form.

**Management Response**: Accept – Management should review the current process with the athletic coaches and determine whether it is feasible to integrate the prescribed form into the current processes or have the current process approved by the SBOA.

#### FINDING 14-007: MAINTENANCE OF CAPITAL ASSET INVENTORY

Criteria: Part 10 of the Indiana Charter School Manual states in part, "All charter schools are required by law to use the forms prescribed by the State Board of Accounts; however, if desirable to have a prescribed form modified to conform for computer applications, a letter and copies of the proposed form may be submitted to the State Board of Accounts for approval. No form should be printed and placed into use, other than a prescribed form, without prior approval."

Condition: The capital asset inventory (Form 369) is not maintained by a prescribed or approved form.

**Recommendation**: We recommend the Organization work with the Indiana State Board of Accounts (SBOA) to determine an appropriate Capital Assets Ledger to maintain the capital asset inventory. We also recommend the Organization perform an annual inventory count to ensure capital asset inventory is up-to-date and no assets are impaired. Further, capital asset purchases charged to federal grants should be properly identified on the capital asset inventory to include location, condition, and the percentage of federal participation in the cost.

**Management Response**: Agree – The Operations Dept. will develop a procedure to perform a rotating count of capital assets and review of such assets for impairment. Management will review the plausibility of implementing Form 369 into the current process or determine whether it is more effective to have the current process reviewed and approved in writing by the SBOA.

#### FINDING 14-008: USE OF PRESCRIBED SCHOOL LUNCH FORMS

**Criteria:** Part 10 of the Indiana Charter School Manual states in part, "All charter schools are required by law to use the forms prescribed by the State Board of Accounts; however, if desirable to have a prescribed form modified to conform for computer applications, a letter and copies of the proposed form may be submitted to the State Board of Accounts for approval. No form should be printed and placed into use, other than a prescribed form, without prior approval."

## TINDLEY ACCELERATED SCHOOLS INC. SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

**Condition**: The following forms were not utilized by the Organization:

- School Food, Daily Record of Cash Received (SF-2)
- School Food Daily Record of Meals/Milk Served (SF-2A)
- School Food, Cash Disbursements and Fund Balance (SF-3)

Recommendation: We recommend management use the prescribed forms.

**Management Response**: Accept – Management should review the current process and determine whether it is feasible to integrate the prescribed form into the current processes or have the current process approved by the SBOA.

## TINDLEY ACCELERATED SCHOOLS INC. EXIT CONFERENCE July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

The contents of this report were discussed on January 15, 2015, with Marcus Robinson, Chancellor and CEO, Evan Hawkins, Chief Operating Officer and Terri Anderson, Controller. The officials concurred with the findings. The Official Response has been made a part of this report and may be found immediately following the findings on the previous pages.