

Office of the Indiana Attorney General School Complaint Findings Report



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School Corporation Named in Complaint:	South Bend School Corporation
Address of School Corporation Named in Complaint:	215 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd., South Bend, IN 46601
Name and Address of School Building in Complaint:	Brown Intermediate Center, 737 West Beale Street, South Bend, IN 46616

Date Complaint Received by the Office of the Indiana Attorney General:	12/15/2021
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Complaint Detail from Complainant:

"SBCSC is violating Indiana Code 20-26-7.1-3(a)(2): a school corporation that ceases using a building previously used for public instruction must make the building available to charter schools before the school corporation may sell, exchange, lease, demolish, hold without operating, or dispose of the building. In May of 2019, SBCSC announced its intent to lease the former Brown Intermediate Center to the St. Joseph County Public Library on a temporary basis while the main library building was to be renovated. See South Bend's former Brown school to serve as temporary Main Library, South Bend Tribune, May 22, 2019, https://www.southbendtribune.com/news/local/south-bend-s-former-brown-school-to-serve-as-temporary/article_7c6a67dd-c62c-5e65-9888-eff69949a8e5.html The renovation of the library was completed during 2021, and the lease of the Brown building has ended. As a result, SBCSC is holding the Brown building, a vacant building, without having made it available to a charter school or having obtained certification from the Attorney General in compliance with IC20-26-7.1."

Statutory Violations:

Based on our investigation, it could not be established that South Bend Community School Corporation is occupying or using Brown Intermediate Center, and SBCSC has not notified the Indiana Department of Education or made the building available for inspection by a charter school or state educational institution, in violation of IC 20-26-7.1-4(a).

Complaint Findings:

SUBSTANTIATED

UNSUBSTANTIATED