

Office of the Indiana Attorney General

School Complaint Findings Report



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School Corporation Named in Complaint:	Carmel Clay Schools
Address of School Corporation Named in Complaint:	5201 E Main Street, Carmel, IN 46033
Name and Address of School Building in Complaint:	Orchard Park Elementary School, 10404 Orchard Park Drive South, Carmel, Indiana 46280

Date Complaint Received by the Office of the Indiana Attorney General:	12/10/2021
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Complaint Detail from Complainant:

'According to IDOE, it appears that Carmel Clay School Board didn't file an Unused Building Notification within 10 days of June 26, 2018, when they made the decision to close Orchard Park at the end of May 2021 - this requirement is outlined in the notification itself and in IC 20-26-7-1 (2015) and IC 20-26-1.1-4 (2019, 2021). In the more than 3 years since their decision, it appears that CCSB has yet to provide an approved use for Orchard Park. Also, it appears that CCSB hasn't requested a certification from the Attorney General's office. It appears that CCSB intends to retain ownership of Orchard Park without following the process for unused school buildings. Orchard Park has been vacant for nearly 7 months and in the care of its owner CCSB but it isn't evident if CCSB has continued to allow required maintenance and inspection in the vacant building.'

Statutory Violations:

Carmel Clay Schools is not in violation of Ind. Code ch. 20-26-7.1 with Orchard Park Elementary as it is still in use and occupied by the district. The building is not vacant upon inspection.

Complaint Findings:

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UNSUBSTANTIATED