



Indiana Department of Education

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

TO: School City of Hobart

FROM: Nicola Szarenski, Deputy General Counsel

DATE: April 23, 2026

SUBJECT: Building Notification
Ridgeview Elementary
3333 Old Ridge Road
Hobart, IN 46342

On February 16, 2026, the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) received a Notification from School City of Hobart(Hobart) with respect to the Ridgeview Elementary school building, located at 3333 Old Ridge Road, Hobart, IN 46342.

Pursuant to Indiana Code 20-26-7.1-4(a), and (b), a governing body of a school corporation, not later than thirty (30) days after passing a resolution or taking other official action to close, no longer use, or no longer occupy a covered school building shall notify the IDOE. And if the school corporation does not intend to make a covered school building available for lease or purchase in accordance with this chapter, the school corporation shall state in the notice required under subsection (a) the factual and legal basis for the school corporation's contention that the covered school building is not required to be made available under this chapter. Hobart has made a notification to IDOE via notice from their attorney. The notification is enclosed with this memo. Under subsection 4(d) of the same Indiana Code, IDOE must notify in writing "each interested person" of such a notification. IDOE sent out the required notice of Hobart's notification for the Ridgeview elementary building to all interested persons, via electronic mail on March 3, 2026.

Not later than sixty (30) days after receipt of this notice, interested persons must submit their rebuttal to the factual and legal basis for Hobart's contention that the Ridgeview school is not required to be made available. 20-26-7.1-4(f).

IDOE received no rebuttal from any interested person for Hobart's contention that the Ridgeview school is not required to be made available. 20-26-7.1-4(f).

Questions or comments related to this notice may be sent to Nicola Szarenski by email at nszarenski@doe.in.gov or by phone at 317-233-4449. All supporting forms regarding Unused School buildings can be found at www.doe.in.gov/unusedbuildings.