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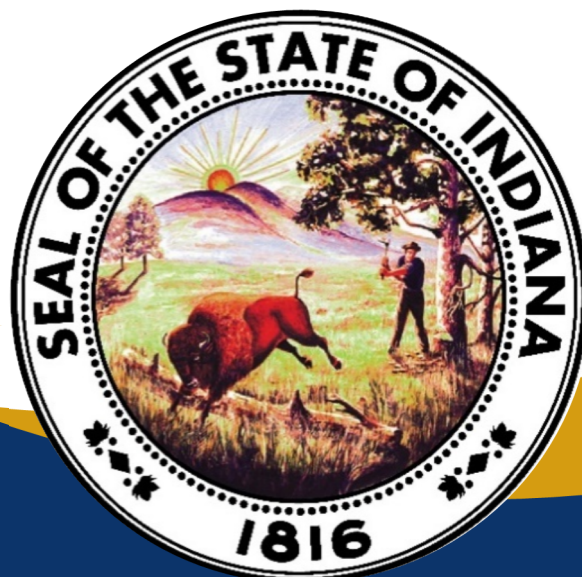
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COMPLIANCE EXAMINATION REPORT

OF

BREMEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
MARSHALL COUNTY, INDIANA

July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024



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To: The Officials of the Bremen Public Schools  
Bremen Public Schools  
Marshall County, Indiana

This report is supplemental to the audit report of Bremen Public Schools (School Corporation), for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024. It has been provided as a separate report so that the reader may easily identify any findings that pertain to the School Corporation. It should be read in conjunction with the financial statement audit report of the School Corporation, which provides an opinion on the School Corporation's financial statements. This report may be found at [www.in.gov/sboa/](http://www.in.gov/sboa/).

As authorized under Indiana Code 5-11-1, we engaged private examiners under our review to perform the audit of the School Corporation and perform procedures to determine compliance with applicable Indiana laws and uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts. The findings contained herein describe the identified reportable instances of noncompliance found as a result of these procedures.

We have reviewed the supplemental report of Bremen Public Schools prepared by Crowe LLP, Independent Public Accountants, for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024. In our opinion, the Supplemental Audit Report was prepared in accordance with the guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

We call your attention to the findings in the report on page 3.

The report is filed with this letter in our office as a matter of public record.

Tammy R. White, CPA  
Deputy State Examiner



BREMEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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BREMEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SCHEDULE OF OFFICIALS  
July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024

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<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Treasurer	Stephanie K. Pittman	07-01-22 to 06-30-24
Superintendent of Schools	Dr. James A. White	07-01-22 to 06-30-24
President of the School Board	Todd S. Stuckman	01-01-22 to 12-31-24



## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

To the Indiana State Board of Accounts and  
Management of Bremen Public Schools

We have examined Bremen Public Schools' ("School Corporation") compliance with the Indiana State Board of Accounts' *Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual For Indiana Public School Corporations* during the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024. Management of the School Corporation is responsible for the School Corporation's compliance with the specified requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the School Corporation's compliance with the specified requirements based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the School Corporation complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced above. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether the School Corporation complied with the specified requirements. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our qualified opinion.

We are required to be independent and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to the engagement.

Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the School Corporation's compliance with specified requirements.

Our examination disclosed material noncompliance with the *Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual For Indiana Public School Corporations* applicable to the School Corporation during the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024, as described in items 2024-001 and 2024-002 on the following Schedule of Examination Findings and Results.

In our opinion, except for the material noncompliance described in the preceding paragraph, the School Corporation complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements during the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Crowe LLP".

Crowe LLP

Indianapolis, Indiana  
January 24, 2025

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SCHEDULE OF EXAMINATION FINDINGS AND RESULTS  
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**FINDING 2024-001: CAPITAL ASSETS**

**Criteria:** Chapter 1 of the Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Indiana Public School Corporations states in part, *“Every unit must have a capital assets policy that details the threshold at which an item is considered a capital asset. Every unit must have a complete detail listing of all capital assets owned which reflects their acquisition value. Capital Asset Ledger (Form 369) has been prescribed for this purpose. A complete physical inventory must be taken at least every two years, unless more stringent requirements exist, to verify account balances carried in the accounting records.”*

**Condition:** The School Corporation was unable to produce evidence that a complete physical inventory of capital assets was performed at least every two years.

This is a repeat finding from report B61070.

**FINDING 2024-002: SCHEDULES IN ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT – CAPITAL ASSETS**

**Criteria:** Indiana Code 5-11-1-4(a) states: "The state examiner shall require from every audited entity financial reports covering the full period of each fiscal year. These reports shall be prepared, verified, and filed with the state examiner not later than sixty (60) days after the close of each fiscal year. The reports must be in the form and content prescribed by the state examiner and filed electronically in the manner prescribed under IC 5-14-3.8-7."

**Condition:** Financial and other information are required to be entered annually into the Annual Financial Report via the Indiana Gateway for Government Units (Gateway) financial reporting system. The capital asset information entered into Gateway as of June 30, 2024, contained the following errors: Buildings were understated by \$944,437 for building renovations and improvements made during the audit period and not being tracked on the School Corporation's capital asset listing.

Adjustments were proposed, accepted by the School Corporation, and made to the Schedule of Capital Assets presented as Other Information.

This is a repeat finding from report B61070.

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The contents of this report were discussed on January 24, 2025, with Stephanie Pittman, Treasurer, Dr. James White, Superintendent of Schools, Molly Fuchs, Board Member, and Todd Stuckman, School Board President.