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COMPLIANCE EXAMINATION REPORT

OF

ELWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA

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To: The Officials of the Elwood Community School Corporation
Elwood Community School Corporation
Madison County, Indiana

This report is supplemental to the audit report of Elwood Community School Corporation (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/.

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 finding contained herein describes the identified reportable instance of noncompliance found as a result of these procedures.

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

We call your attention to the finding 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

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ELWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHEDULE OF OFFICIALS
July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Controller	Linda Jones	07-01-22 to 06-30-24
Superintendent of Schools	Dr. Troy Friedersdorf	07-01-22 to 06-30-24
President of the School Board	Robert Savage Stephanie Hoel	01-01-22 to 12-31-22 01-01-23 to 12-31-24



To the Indiana State Board of Accounts and
Management of Elwood Community School Corporation

We have examined Elwood Community School Corporation's ("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 item 2024-001 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
March 14, 2025

ELWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHEDULE OF EXAMINATION FINDINGS AND RESULTS
July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024

FINDING 2024-001: SCHEDULES IN ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT – OTHER INFORMATION

Criteria: Indiana Code 5-11-1-4(a) states, *"The state examiner shall require from every municipality and every state or local governmental unit, entity, or instrumentality 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 (AFR) via the Indiana Gateway for Government Units (Gateway) financial reporting system. The information entered into Gateway contained the following errors:

Capital Assets

The School Corporation reported \$32,974,353 of buildings, while the underlying detail from the fixed asset summary reported \$40,729,989. The School Corporation reported \$6,765,179 of improvements other than buildings, while the underlying detail from the fixed asset summary reported \$6,798,762. The School Corporation reported \$3,705,346 of machinery, equipment, and vehicles, while the underlying detail from the fixed asset summary reported \$3,775,582. The other information schedule within the financial statement has been updated to agree to the underlying capital asset summary report.

Leases and Debt

The School Corporation had included the Ad Valorem Property Tax First Mortgage Bonds, Series 2021 in the debt section of the other information schedule and showed the ending principal balance of \$11,640,000, with \$515,000 of principal due in the next fiscal year. The Ad Valorem Property Tax First Mortgage Bonds, Series 2021 is in the Elwood Multi-School Building Corporation's name and should be listed in the leases section of the schedule with \$792,000 shown as the annual lease payment.

The School Corporation did not include the Ad Valorem Property Tax First Mortgage Bonds, Series 2023 on the other information schedule. The Ad Valorem Property Tax First Mortgage Bonds, Series 2023 is in the Elwood Multi-School Building Corporation's name and should be listed in the leases section of the schedule with \$813,500 shown as the annual lease payment and a term of July 15, 2024 through January 15, 2043.

Adjustments have been made to the other information schedule in the financial statement to agree to the underlying payment schedule.

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The contents of this report were discussed on March 14, 2025, with Linda Jones, Corporation Treasurer, Dr. Troy Friedersdorf, Superintendent of Schools, and Chad Bock, President of the School Board.