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COMPLIANCE EXAMINATION REPORT

OF

EASTERN HOWARD SCHOOL CORPORATION
HOWARD COUNTY, INDIANA
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To: The Officials of the Eastern Howard School Corporation
Eastern Howard School Corporation
Howard County, Indiana

This report is supplemental to the audit report of Eastern Howard 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 findings contained herein describe the identified reportable instances of noncompliance found as a result of these procedures.

We have reviewed the supplemental report for Eastern Howard 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 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

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EASTERN HOWARD SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHEDULE OF OFFICIALS
July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Business Manager	Travis Hueston	07-01-22 to 06-30-24
Superintendent of Schools	Keith Richie	07-01-22 to 06-30-24
President of the School Board	Jordan Buckley	01-01-22 to 12-31-22
	Brian Day	01-01-23 to 12-31-23
	Jordan Buckley	01-01-24 to 12-31-24



INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

To the Indiana State Board of Accounts and
Management of Eastern Howard School Corporation

We have examined Eastern Howard 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 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.

Crowe LLP
Crowe LLP

Indianapolis, Indiana
March 14, 2025

EASTERN HOWARD SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHEDULE OF EXAMINATION FINDINGS AND RESULTS
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FINDING 2024-001: OVERDRAWN CASH BALANCES

Criteria: Chapter 1 of the Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual For Indiana Public School Corporations states in part, “The cash balance of any fund may not be reduced below zero. Routinely overdrawn funds could be an indicator of serious financial problems which should be investigated by the unit.”

Condition: During testing of cash fund balances, we noted the following fund that was not cost-reimbursement based with a cash balance below zero as of June 30, 2023 or June 30, 2024:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount Overdrawn June 30, 2023</u>	<u>Amount Overdrawn June 30, 2024</u>
Curricular Materials Rental	\$ 71,526	\$ 24,190
Payroll Liabilities	-	80,503

This is a repeat finding from report B61146.

FINDING 2024-002: PREPAID SCHOOL LUNCH ACCOUNTS

Criteria: Prepaid school meals should not be considered income to the child nutrition program until students are charged a meal to their account. When a student deposits money into their school account the balance of their individual account it should not be included in Fund 800 School Lunch. The school should have a clearing account with the fund number 8400 Prepaid School Lunch Accounts, which is included in Chapter 5 of the State Board of Accounts Uniform Compliance Guidelines for Indiana Public School Corporations. The student deposits for school meals into their account should be recorded to fund 8400 using receipt account 1630 Special Functions. Once the student is charged meals, disburse that amount using expenditure account 31900 Other Food Services from fund 8400 and receipt this into fund 800 using the Food and Serviced receipt accounts 1611-1623 at the time established in a written policy to ensure accurate monthly reporting. The receipt at this point is considered program income and should be reported as such.

It is also a requirement that the balance of fund 8400 to be reconciled on a monthly basis to the individual meal accounts. (The School Bulletin and Uniform Compliance Guidelines, February 2019).

Condition: During testing, we noted the School Corporation was not able to provide a reconciliation of fund 8400 that agreed the underlying detail to the balance reported on the Annual Financial Report.

This is a repeat finding from report B61146.

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The contents of this report were discussed on March 14, 2025, with Travis Hueston, Business Manager, Sheryl Dean, Board Member, Stacy Marner, Food Service Director, and Keith Richie, Superintendent.