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COMPLIANCE EXAMINATION REPORT  
OF  
BLUFFTON-HARRISON METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
WELLS COUNTY, INDIANA  
July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024



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To: The Officials of the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District  
Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District  
Wells County, Indiana

This report is supplemental to the audit report of Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District (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 Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District 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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BLUFFTON-HARRISON METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF OFFICIALS  
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<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Treasurer	Anjie Hartman	07-01-22 to 06-30-24
Superintendent of Schools	Brad Yates	07-01-22 to 06-30-24
President of the School Board	Julie Thompson Angela Sheets	01-01-22 to 12-31-22 01-01-23 to 12-31-24



## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

To the Indiana State Board of Accounts and  
Management of Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District

We have examined Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District'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.

*Crowe LLP*  
Crowe LLP

Indianapolis, Indiana  
March 14, 2025

BLUFFTON-HARRISON METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF EXAMINATION FINDINGS AND RESULTS  
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**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 \$33,881,065 of buildings, while the underlying support/detail reported \$34,368,363. The School Corporation reported \$666,375 of improvements other than buildings, while the underlying support/detail reported \$6,882,273. The School Corporation reported \$5,688,891 of machinery, equipment and vehicles, while the underlying support/detail reported \$7,541,987. The schedule in the audit report has been updated to reflect the amounts that agree to the underlying support/detail.

*Debt and Leases*

The School Corporation reported \$590,850 of annual lease payments for the Elementary HVAC project. This lease does not exist as of June 30, 2024 and therefore should not be reported on the schedule. The schedule presented in the audit report has been updated.

BLUFFTON-HARRISON METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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The contents of this report were discussed on March 14, 2025, with Anjie Hartman, Treasurer, Brad Yates, Superintendent of Schools, and Angela Sheets, President of the School Board.