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Charter School Board
Herron High School, Inc.
d/b/a Herron Classical Schools
Marion County, Indiana

We have reviewed the supplemental report for Herron High School, Inc. d/b/a Herron Classical Schools prepared by Donovan CPAs, Independent Public Accountants, for the period July 1, 2023 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 pages 3 and 4. Management's response is on pages 6 through 8.

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

Tammy R. White, CPA
Deputy State Examiner

Supplemental Audit Report of

Herron High School, Inc.
d/b/a Herron Classical Schools
Marion County, Indiana

July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024



Herron High School, Inc. d/b/a Herron Classical Schools

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Herron High School, Inc. d/b/a Herron Classical Schools
Marion County, Indiana
School Officials
July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Chair of Board of Directors	Dan Roy	07/01/23 – 06/30/24
Chief Financial Officer	Michelle Krauter	07/01/23 – 06/30/24
President	Janet H. McNeal	07/01/23 – 06/30/24



Donovan CPAs

The Board of Directors
Herron High School, Inc.
Indianapolis, Indiana

We audited the consolidated financial statements of Herron High School, Inc. d/b/a Herron Classical Schools and its Wholly-Owned Subsidiaries as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024 and issued our report thereon dated March 12, 2025. As part of our audit, we tested Herron High School's, Herron Preparatory Academy's, and Herron Riverside High School's (collectively, the School) compliance with provisions of the *Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Indiana Charter Schools* issued by the Indiana State Board of Accounts and related provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements. Reported in the Audit Results and Comments are matters we believe the School was not in compliance with those provisions.

Donovan CPAs
Indianapolis, Indiana
March 12, 2025

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Herron High School, Inc. d/b/a Herron Classical Schools
Marion County, Indiana
Audit Results and Comments
July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

Required Reports – Form 9 Reporting

We reviewed the biannual Form 9 reports filed by the School to the Indiana Department of Education for the 2023-2024 school year. Individual fund balances and the total cash reported on the June 30, 2024 Form 9s did not reflect actual balances in line with the School's accounting records. A similar comment also appeared in the immediately prior Supplemental Audit Report entitled "Required Reports – Form 9 Reporting".

Additionally, the total cash balances per the Form 9s were more than actual cash per the School's trial balance by \$1,717,214.

Charter schools are required to submit a Form 9 Biannual Financial Report two times per year during the months of January and July. The financial information in the Form 9 shall reflect cash basis information. The January report must include previous calendar year financial and other required information for the period of July 1 to December 31 financial data. The July report must include current calendar year financial and other required information for the period of January 1 to June 30. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Indiana Charter Schools, Part 9)

Charter schools are required to comply with all grant agreements, rules, regulations, bulletins, directives, letters, letter rulings and filing requirements concerning reports and other procedural matters of federal and state agencies, including opinions of the Attorney General of the State of Indiana, and court decisions. Charter schools shall file accurate reports required by federal and state agencies. Noncompliance may require corrective action. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Indiana Charter Schools, Part 10)

Receipts and Deposits

The School did not use receipt books during the 2023-2024 school year.

Receipts shall be issued and recorded at the time of the transaction; for example, when cash or a check is received, a receipt is to be immediately prepared and given to the person making payment. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Indiana Charter Schools, Part 8)

Annual Financial Report (AFR)

The School did not submit its Annual Financial Reports (AFRs) within 60 days following its fiscal year end. The AFRs were submitted November 4, 2024. A similar comment also appeared in the immediately prior Supplemental Audit Report entitled "Required Reports – Annual Financial Report".

Charter schools are required to file an annual report with the State Examiner not later than sixty (60) days after the close of each fiscal year, IC 5-11-1-4.

Herron High School, Inc. d/b/a Herron Classical Schools
Marion County, Indiana
Audit Results and Comments
July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

Capital Assets

The School maintains an inventory of only technology equipment. The School was unable to provide records demonstrating a complete inventory was taken. The same comment also appeared in the immediately prior Supplemental Audit Report entitled "Capital Assets".

Every charter school must have a complete inventory of all capital assets owned which reflects their acquisition value. Such inventory must be recorded on the applicable Capital Asset Ledger. A complete inventory shall be taken for good internal control and for verifying account balances carried in the accounting records. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Indiana Charter Schools, Part 15)

Herron High School, Inc. d/b/a Herron Classical Schools
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The contents of this report were discussed on February 26, 2025 with Michelle Krauter (Chief Financial Officer), Adrian Miller (Board Treasurer), Geoffrey Cherry, and Josiah Jerome (Outsourced Consultants with Orbital Consulting). The Official Response has been made a part of this report and may be found on pages 6 through 8.



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March 6, 2025

Donovan CPAs
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Re: OFFICIAL RESPONSE

To Whom It May Concern:

As an official response to recommendations provided in the Supplemental Audit Report that accompanies the audit report of Herron High School, Inc. for the year ended June 30, 2024, management respectively submits the following response to your recommendations:

Required Reports – Form 9 Reporting

Auditor Comment We reviewed the biannual Form 9 reports filed by the Organization to the Indiana Department of Education for the 2023-2024 school year. Individual fund balances and the total cash reported on the June 30, 2024 Form 9s did not reflect actual balances in line with the Organization’s accounting records. A similar comment also appeared in the immediately prior Supplemental Audit Report entitled “Required Reports – Form 9 Reporting.” Additionally, the total cash balances per the Form 9s were more than actual cash per the Organization’s trial balance by \$1,717,214.

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Management Response The financials for the Organization are prepared on an accrual-basis. The preparation of the Form 9 requires a manual conversion of accrual to cash. The reconciliation process documents that total revenues and expenses tie to the financial statements presented to the board of directors. Revenue reported on the financial statements is converted to actual cash receipts by reconciling the grants receivable. However, the manual process of converting expenses has become tedious and

cumbersome as the organization has grown. As it is a manual process, there is significant risk that the conversion would not be accurate and complete. To ensure that all expenses are reported, the conversion of expenses is limited to accrued payroll.

Receipts and Deposits

Auditor Comment The School did not use receipt books during the 2023-2024 school year.

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Management Response Upon issuance of this finding, receipts books, with copies in triplicate, were purchased for each school location and placed with Student Services. Staff has been trained to issue receipts immediately upon the exchange of cash, and the accounting department keeps additional records each time a cash deposit is made.

Required Reports – Annual Financial Report

Auditor Comment The School did not submit its Annual Financial Reports (“AFRs”) within 60 days following its fiscal year end. The AFRs were submitted in November 2024.

Charter schools are required to file an annual report with the State Examiner not later than sixty (60) days after the close of each fiscal year (IC 5-11-1-4).

Management Response The delay in the submission of the AFR for FY2024 was due to a change in personnel, with the former CFO resigning. The need for the preparation of this document was not adequately conveyed during the transition, therefore was not realized due until already late.

Capital Assets

Auditor Comment The Organization maintains an inventory of only technology equipment. The Organization was unable to provide record that a complete inventory was taken.

Every charter school must have a complete inventory of all capital assets owned which reflects their acquisition value. Such inventory must be recorded on the applicable Capital Asset Ledger. A complete inventory shall be taken for good internal control and for verifying account balances carried in the accounting records. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Indiana Charter Schools, Part 15)

Management Response All organization assets are maintained in the fixed asset module of Sage Intacct. In addition, the technology department implemented a location software for all devices, resulting in a real-time inventory process. The assignment of devices is taken with the deployment at the beginning of the school year. The assignment in the location software resets the inventory process.

We appreciate the recommendations provided by your team.

Respectfully,

Michelle Krauter

Michelle Krauter
VP, Chief Financial Officer