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FEDERAL COMPLIANCE AUDIT REPORT

OF

CENTRAL NINE CAREER CENTER

JOHNSON COUNTY, INDIANA

July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023



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SCHEDULE OF OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Treasurer	Cindy Payton	07-01-21 to 06-30-24
Director	Dr. William E. Kovach	07-01-21 to 06-30-24
President of the School Board	Joe Hubbard Dawn Downer (interim) Greg Waltz	07-01-21 to 10-20-22 10-21-22 to 02-08-23 02-09-23 to 12-31-24



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING
AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL
STATEMENT PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF THE CENTRAL NINE CAREER CENTER, JOHNSON COUNTY, INDIANA

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statement of the Central Nine Career Center (School Corporation), for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statement, which collectively comprise the School Corporation's financial statement and have issued our report thereon dated May 6, 2024, wherein we noted the School Corporation followed accounting practices the Indiana State Board of Accounts prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statement, we considered the School Corporation's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School Corporation's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School Corporation's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the School Corporation's financial statement will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies, and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, as described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as item 2023-001, that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL
STATEMENT PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*
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Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the School Corporation's financial statement is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Central Nine Career Center's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the School Corporation's response to findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. The School Corporation's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Corrective Action Plan. The School Corporation's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement, and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the School Corporation's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School Corporation's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Beth Kelley, CPA, CFE
Deputy State Examiner

May 6, 2024



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR THE MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM; REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE; AND REPORT ON SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF THE CENTRAL NINE CAREER CENTER, JOHNSON COUNTY, INDIANA

Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program

Opinion on the Major Federal Program

We have audited the Central Nine Career Center's (School Corporation) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023. The School Corporation's major federal program is identified in the *Summary of Auditor's Results* section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

In our opinion, the School Corporation complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on the Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance* section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the School Corporation and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the School Corporation's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the School Corporation's federal programs.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the School Corporation's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not absolute assurance, and, therefore, is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually, or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the School Corporation's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the School Corporation's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the School Corporation's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School Corporation's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR THE MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM; REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE; AND REPORT ON SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE
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Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance* section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance

We have audited the financial statement of the School Corporation, as of and for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statement. We issued our report thereon dated May 6, 2024, which contained a dual opinion on the financial statement. An adverse opinion was issued regarding the presentation in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and an unmodified opinion was issued regarding the presentation in accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statement as a whole. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for the purpose of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and is not a required part of the financial statement. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement or to the financial statement itself, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statement as a whole.



Beth Kelley, CPA, CFE
Deputy State Examiner

May 6, 2024

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS AND ACCOMPANYING NOTES

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and accompanying notes presented were approved by management of the School Corporation. The schedule and notes are presented as intended by the School Corporation.

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CENTRAL NINE CAREER CENTER
 SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
 For the Years Ended June 30, 2022 and 2023

Federal Grantor Agency Cluster Title/Program Title/Project Title	Pass-Through Entity or Direct Grant	Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity (or Other) Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipient 06-30-22	Total Federal Awards Expended 06-30-22	Passed Through to Subrecipient 06-30-23	Total Federal Awards Expended 06-30-23
Department of Education							
Adult Education - Basic Grants to States	Indiana Department of Workforce Development	84.002					
Adult Basic Ed Grant 20/21			AE2033	\$ -	\$ 109,185	\$ -	\$ -
Adult Basic Ed Grant 21/22			AE2133	-	197,043	-	81,279
Adult Basic Ed Grant 22/23			AE2233	-	-	-	264,989
Literacy & Civics 20/21			IELCE2033	-	44,221	-	-
Integrated English Literacy & Civics Education 21/22			IELCE2133	-	110,243	-	19,864
Integrated English Literacy & Civics Education 22/23			IELCE2233	-	-	-	32,905
				<u>-</u>	<u>460,692</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>399,037</u>
Total - Adult Education - Basic Grants to States							
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	Indiana Governor's Workforce Cabinet	84.048					
Perkins Grant 2020-2021			21-0512-4265	-	220,058	-	-
Perkins Assessment Grant 2020-2021			21-0512-A037	-	7,030	-	-
Perkins C-19 Grant 2020-2021			21-0512-C037	-	37,883	-	-
Perkins Reserve Grant 2020-2021			21-0512-R037	-	67,700	-	-
Perkins Assessment Grant 2021-2022			22-0512-A037	-	-	-	6,400
Perkins Grant 2021-2022			22-0512-B037	-	540,901	-	173,611
Perkins Assessment Grant 2022-2023			23-0512-A037	-	-	-	8,100
Perkins Grant 2022-2023			23-0512-P037	-	-	-	447,423
				<u>-</u>	<u>873,572</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>635,534</u>
Total - Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States							
Total - Department of Education				<u>-</u>	<u>1,334,264</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,034,571</u>
Total federal awards expended				<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,334,264</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,034,571</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

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NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) includes the federal grant activity of the School Corporation under programs of the federal government for the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2023. The information in the SEFA is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the SEFA presents only a select portion of the operations of the School Corporation, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position of the School Corporation.

The Uniform Guidance requires an annual audit of nonfederal entities expending a total amount of federal awards equal to or in excess of \$750,000 in any fiscal year unless by constitution or statute a less frequent audit is required. In accordance with Indiana Code (IC 5-11-1-25), audits of school corporations shall be conducted biennially. Such audits shall include both years within the biennial period.

B. Other Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the SEFA are reported on the cash basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following, as applicable, either the cost principles in OMB Circular A-87, *Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments*, or the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowed or are limited as to reimbursement. When federal grants are received on a reimbursement basis, the federal awards are considered expended when the reimbursement is received.

Note 2. Indirect Cost Rate

The School Corporation has elected not to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

CENTRAL NINE CAREER CENTER
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statement:

Type of auditor's report issued:	Adverse as to GAAP; Unmodified as to Regulatory Basis
Internal control over financial reporting:	
Material weaknesses identified?	yes
Significant deficiencies identified?	none reported
Noncompliance material to financial statement noted?	no

Federal Awards:

Internal control over major program:	
Material weaknesses identified?	no
Significant deficiencies identified?	none reported
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	no

Identification of Major Program and type of auditor's report issued on compliance for it:

<u>Assistance Listings Number</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>	<u>Opinion Issued</u>
84.048	Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	Unmodified

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: \$750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	no
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Section II - Financial Statement Findings

FINDING 2023-001

Subject: Financial Transactions and Reporting
Audit Finding: Material Weakness

Repeat Finding

This is a repeat finding from the immediately prior audit report. The prior audit finding number was 2021-001.

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
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Condition and Context

A proper system of internal controls, which would include appropriate segregation of duties, should be designed, and implemented at varying points within a process to effectively prevent, or detect and correct, errors. The failure to establish appropriate internal controls could enable material misstatements to occur and remain undetected.

The School Corporation had not separated incompatible activities related to financial close and reporting and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA).

The Business Manager prepared and uploaded the financial and federal information into the Indiana Gateway for Government Units financial reporting system, which was the source of the School Corporation's Annual Financial Report (financial statement) and the SEFA, without an oversight or review process to ensure the accuracy and completeness of the information submitted.

Criteria

The Indiana State Board of Accounts (SBOA) is required under Indiana Code 5-11-1-27(e) to define the acceptable minimum level of internal control standards. To provide clarifying guidance, the State Examiner compiled the standards contained in the manual, *Uniform Internal Control Standards for Indiana Political Subdivisions*. All political subdivisions subject to audit by SBOA are expected to adhere to these standards. The standards include adequate control activities. According to this manual:

"Control activities are the actions and tools established through policies and procedures that help to detect, prevent, or reduce the identified risks that interfere with the achievement of objectives. Detection activities are designed to identify unfavorable events in a timely manner whereas prevention activities are designed to deter the occurrence of an unfavorable event. Examples of these activities include reconciliations, authorizations, approval processes, performance reviews, and verification processes.

An integral part of the control activity component is segregation of duties. . . .

There is an expectation of segregation of duties. If compensating controls are necessary, documentation should exist to identify both the areas where segregation of duties are not feasible or practical and the compensating controls implemented to mitigate the risk. . . ."

Cause

Management of the School Corporation had not established a proper system of internal controls, which would include segregation of key functions, over transfers, the annual financial report, and the SEFA. Embedded within a properly designed and implemented internal control system should be internal controls consisting of policies and procedures. Policies reflect the School Corporation's management statements of what should be done to effect internal controls, and procedures should consist of actions that would implement these policies.

Effect

Without the proper design or implementation of the components of a system of internal controls, including policies and procedures that provide segregation of duties and additional oversight as needed, the internal control system cannot be capable of effectively preventing, or detecting and correcting, material misstatements.

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
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Views of Responsible Officials

For the views of responsible officials, refer to the Corrective Action Plan that is part of this report.

Section III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

No matters are reportable.

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AUDITEE-PREPARED DOCUMENTS

The subsequent documents were provided by the management of the School Corporation. The documents are presented as intended by the School Corporation.



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SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

FINDING 2021-001

Fiscal year in which the finding initially occurred: 2021

Current Audit Period: 7/1/2021 to 6/30/2023

Finding Subject: Financial Transactions and Reporting

Summary of Finding:

The Business Manager prepared and uploaded the Annual Financial Reporting (AFR) into the Indiana Gateway for Government Units (Gateway) financial reporting system, which was the source of the School Corporation's AFR and Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA). The AFR was submitted without an oversight or review process to ensure the accuracy and completeness of the information submitted.

Transfers between funds are originated and posted by the Treasurer. There was not any documented review or oversight by the governing board that could be confirmed during the audit.

Status of Audit Finding:

The Annual Financial Reporting (AFR) will be compiled by the Business Manager. It will be reviewed & signed by the Director. The Business Manager will then submit the AFR into the Indiana Gateway for Government Units.

Any transfers between funds are approved by the Governing Board. The Governing Board will also approve the transfer back when the funds are reimbursed.

Response Comments:

The corrective action plan will be implemented on our next AFR filing in Gateway for 6/30/24. Any transfers between funds will be approved by the Governing Board starting at our next Board meeting on 5/9/24.



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CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

FINDING 2023-001

Finding Subject: Financial Transactions and Reporting

Summary of Finding:

The Business Manager prepared and uploaded the Annual Financial Reporting (AFR) into the Indiana Gateway for Government Units (Gateway) financial reporting system, which was the source of the School Corporation's AFR and Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA). The AFR was submitted without an oversight or review process to ensure the accuracy and completeness of the information submitted.

Contact Person Responsible for Corrective Action: Cindy Payton, Business Manager

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Views of Responsible Officials:

Option 1: *"We concur with the finding."* we agree with the current year audit finding, conclusions and recommendations.

Description of Corrective Action Plan:

The Annual Financial Reporting (AFR) will be compiled by the Business Manager. It will be reviewed & signed by the Director. The Business Manager will then submit the AFR into the Indiana Gateway for Government Units.

Anticipated Completion Date:

The corrective action plan will be implemented on our next AFR filing in Gateway for 6/30/24.

OTHER REPORTS

In addition to this report, other reports may have been issued for the School Corporation. All reports can be found on the Indiana State Board of Accounts' website: <http://www.in.gov/sboa/>.