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SUPPLEMENTAL COMPLIANCE REPORT
OF
SOUTH NEWTON SCHOOL CORPORATION
NEWTON COUNTY, INDIANA
July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019



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SCHEDULE OF OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Treasurer	Marci Hall	01-01-17 to 12-31-20
Superintendent of Schools	K. Todd Rudnick Casey Hall	01-01-17 to 12-31-17 01-01-18 to 12-31-20
President of the School Board	Amanda Berenda	01-01-17 to 12-31-20



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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF THE SOUTH NEWTON SCHOOL
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This report is supplemental to our audit report of the South Newton School Corporation (School Corporation), for the period from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019. It has been provided as a separate report so that the reader may easily identify any Audit Results and Comments that pertain to the School Corporation. It should be read in conjunction with our Financial Statement Audit Report of the School Corporation, which provides our opinion on the School Corporation's financial statement. This report may be found at www.in.gov/sboa/.

As authorized under Indiana Code 5-11-1, we performed procedures to determine compliance with applicable Indiana laws and uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts. The Audit Result and Comment contained herein describes the identified reportable instance of noncompliance found as a result of these procedures. Our tests were not designed to identify all instances of noncompliance; therefore, noncompliance may exist that is unidentified.

Any Official Response to the Audit Result and Comment, incorporated within this report, was not verified for accuracy.

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Paul D. Joyce, CPA
State Examiner

January 30, 2020

SOUTH NEWTON SCHOOL CORPORATION
AUDIT RESULT AND COMMENT

INTERNAL CONTROLS

A similar comment also appeared in the prior Report B49742, entitled *Finding 2017-001*.

Condition and Context

There were deficiencies in the internal control system of the School Corporation related to financial transactions and reporting. The School Corporation had not established a system of internal controls or separated incompatible activities related to receipts, disbursements, and other financing sources and uses.

Receipts

The School Corporation did not have effective controls in place to ensure that receipts were properly recorded or that recorded receipts agreed to corresponding deposits. There was no documentation of an oversight or review process.

Disbursements

The School Corporation did not have effective controls in place to ensure that disbursements were properly recorded. There was no documentation of an oversight or review process.

Other Financing Sources and Uses

The School Corporation did not have effective controls in place to ensure that transfers from one fund to another were properly recorded. There was no documentation of an oversight or review process.

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. . . ."

SOUTH NEWTON SCHOOL CORPORATION
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on January 30, 2020, with Marci Hall, Treasurer; Casey Hall, Superintendent of Schools; and Amanda Berenda, President of the School Board.