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FEDERAL COMPLIANCE AUDIT REPORT

OF

SCHOOL CITY OF WHITING

LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022



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SCHEDULE OF OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Treasurer	Kimberly Pusateri	07-01-20 to 06-30-23
Superintendent of Schools	Cynthia Scroggins	07-01-20 to 06-30-23
President of the School Board	Nicole Davenport Kathleen Murzyn Nicole Davenport Amanda Perkins	07-01-20 to 12-31-20 01-01-21 to 12-31-21 01-01-22 to 12-31-22 01-01-23 to 06-30-23



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 SCHOOL CITY OF WHITING, LAKE 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 School City of Whiting (School Corporation), for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statement, which collectively comprise the School Corporation's financial statement and have issued our report thereon dated February 2, 2023, 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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

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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*.

***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

February 2, 2023



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH 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 SCHOOL CITY OF WHITING, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

**Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

***Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

We have audited the School City of Whiting'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 each of its major federal programs for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022. The School Corporation's major federal programs are 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 each of its major federal programs for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022.

**Basis for Opinion on Each 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 for 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 EACH 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, 2020 to June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statement. We issued our report thereon dated February 2, 2023, 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 purposes 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

February 2, 2023

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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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SCHOOL CITY OF WHITING  
 SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
 For the Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2022

Federal Grantor Agency Cluster Title/Program Title/Project Title	Pass-Through Entity or Direct Grant	Assistance Listings Number	Pass-Through Entity (or Other) Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipient 06-30-21	Total Federal Awards Expended 06-30-21	Passed Through to Subrecipient 06-30-22	Total Federal Awards Expended 06-30-22
<u>Department of Agriculture</u>							
Child Nutrition Cluster							
School Breakfast Program	Indiana Department of Education	10.553	2020-21	\$ -	\$ 56,224	\$ -	\$ -
School Breakfast Program			2021-22	-	-	-	58,601
Total - School Breakfast Program				-	56,224	-	58,601
National School Lunch Program	Indiana Department of Education	10.555					
School Lunch			2020-21	-	177,705	-	-
School Lunch Commodities			2020-21	-	19,720	-	-
School Lunch			2021-22	-	-	-	541,686
School Lunch Commodities			2021-22	-	-	-	40,965
Total - National School Lunch Program				-	197,425	-	582,651
Special Milk Program for Children	Indiana Department of Education	10.556					
Special Milk Program			2020-21	-	146	-	-
Special Milk Program			2021-22	-	-	-	11
Total - Special Milk Program for Children				-	146	-	11
Summer Food Service Program for Children	Indiana Department of Education	10.559					
Summer Food Service Program			2020-21	-	42,338	-	-
Summer Food Service Program			2021-22	-	-	-	24,978
Subtotal - Summer Food Service Program for Children				-	42,338	-	24,978
COVID-19 - Summer Food Service Program for Children	Indiana Department of Education	10.559					
Summer Food Service Program			2020-21	-	159,978	-	-
Total - Summer Food Service Program for Children				-	202,316	-	24,978
Total - Child Nutrition Cluster				-	456,111	-	666,241
Pandemic EBT Administrative Costs	Indiana Department of Education	10.649					
P-EBT Admin Funds			2021-22	-	-	-	614
Total - Department of Agriculture				-	456,111	-	666,855

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<b>Department of Education</b>							
Special Education Cluster (IDEA)							
Special Education Grants to States	Indiana Department of Education	84.027					
Special Education IDEA Part B 611			H027A190084	-	11,803	-	-
Special Education IDEA Part B 611			H027A200084	-	-	-	55,615
Special Education IDEA Part B 611			H027A200084	-	204,065	-	-
Special Education IDEA Part B 611			H027A210084	-	-	-	239,942
Subtotal - Special Education Grants to States				-	215,868	-	295,557
COVID-19 - Special Education Grants to States ESSER ARP Special Education 611	Indiana Department of Education	84.027	H027X210084	-	-	-	26,834
Total - Special Education Grants to States				-	215,868	-	322,391
Special Education Preschool Grants	Indiana Department of Education	84.173					
Special Education IDEA Part B 619			H173A200104	-	5,758	-	-
Total - Special Education Cluster (IDEA)				-	221,626	-	322,391
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	Indiana Department of Education	84.010					
Title I			S010A200014	-	-	-	18,822
Title I			S010A200014	-	184,921	-	-
Title I			S010A190014	-	9,249	-	-
Title I			S010A210014	-	-	-	179,883
Total - Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies				-	194,170	-	198,705
English Language Acquisition State Grants	Indiana Department of Education	84.365					
Title III			S365A190014	-	3,005	-	-
Title III			S365A200014	-	13,052	-	-
Title III			S365A190014	-	-	-	153
Title III			S365A200014	-	-	-	3,467
Title III			S365A210014	-	-	-	13,896
Total - English Language Acquisition State Grants				-	16,057	-	17,516
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	Indiana Department of Education	84.367					
Title II Part A			S367A190013	-	-	-	9,907
Title II Part A			700S367A180013	-	2,000	-	-
Title II Part A			S367A180013	-	3,422	-	-
Title II Part A			S367A190013	-	12,495	-	-
Title II Part A			S367A200013	-	-	-	14,737
Total - Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants				-	17,917	-	24,644

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Federal Grantor Agency Cluster Title/Program Title/Project Title	Pass-Through Entity or Direct Grant	Assistance Listings Number	Pass-Through Entity (or Other) Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipient 06-30-21	Total Federal Awards Expended 06-30-21	Passed Through to Subrecipient 06-30-22	Total Federal Awards Expended 06-30-22
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	Indiana Department of Education	84.424					
Title IV Part A			S424A180015	-	4,176	-	-
Title IV Part A			S424A190015	-	730	-	-
Title IV Part A			S424A190015	-	-	-	14,990
Title IV Part A			S424A200015	-	3,485	-	-
Title IV Part A			S424A200015	-	-	-	1,452
Title IV Part A			S424A210015	-	-	-	6,985
Total - Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program				-	8,391	-	23,427
COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund	Indiana Department of Education	84.425					
GEER		84.425C	S425C200018	-	118,500	-	-
Cares Act		84.425D	S425D200013	-	38,898	-	-
ESSER II		84.425D	S425D200013	-	15,947	-	-
Cares Act		84.425D	S425D200013	-	-	-	126,674
ESSER II		84.425D	S425D210013	-	-	-	361,828
ESSER III		84.425U	S425U210013	-	-	-	421,007
Total - COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund				-	173,345	-	909,509
Total - Department of Education				-	631,506	-	1,496,192
<b>Department of Health and Human Services</b>							
Medicaid Cluster							
Medical Assistance Program	Indiana Department of Education	93.778					
Medicaid			20-21	-	32,539	-	-
Medicaid			21-22	-	-	-	16,331
Total - Medical Assistance Program				-	32,539	-	16,331
Total - Medicaid Cluster				-	32,539	-	16,331
Total - Department of Health and Human Services				-	32,539	-	16,331
Total federal awards expended				\$ -	\$ 1,120,156	\$ -	\$ 2,179,378

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

SCHOOL CITY OF WHITING  
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, 2021 and 2022. 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 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.

SCHOOL CITY OF WHITING  
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?	no
Significant deficiencies identified?	none reported
Noncompliance material to financial statement noted?	no

Federal Awards:

Internal control over major programs:	
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 Programs and type of auditor's report issued on compliance for each:

Assistance Listings Number	Name of Federal Program or Cluster	Opinion Issued
84.425	Special Education Cluster (IDEA) COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund	Unmodified Unmodified

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

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? no

**Section II - Financial Statement Findings**

No matters are reportable.

**Section III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs**

No matters are reportable.

## 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/>.