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To: The Officials of the Tri-Creek School Corporation
Tri-Creek School Corporation
19290 Cline Avenue
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This report is supplemental to the audit report of Tri-Creek School Corporation (School Corporation), for the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022. It has been provided as a separate report so that the reader may easily identify any Examination 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/.

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 Examination Findings and Results contained herein describe the identified reportable instances of noncompliance found as a result of these procedures.

We have reviewed the Supplemental Audit Report for Tri-Creek School Corporation prepared by Crowe LLP, Independent Public Accountants, for the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022. In our opinion, the Supplemental Audit Report was prepared in accordance with the guidelines established by the 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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tammy R. White".

Tammy R. White, CPA
Deputy State Examiner

COMPLIANCE EXAMINATION OF
TRI-CREEK SCHOOL CORPORATION
Lake County, Indiana
July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022

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TRI-CREEK SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHEDULE OF OFFICIALS
July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Treasurer	Dana Bogathy	07-01-20 to 06-30-22
Superintendent of Schools	Rod Gardin Andy Anderson	07-01-20 to 06-30-21 07-01-21 to 06-30-22
President of the School Board	Michelle Dumbsky Douglas Ward Kyle R. Mitsch	07-01-20 to 12-31-20 01-01-21 to 12-31-21 01-01-22 to 06-30-22

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

To the Indiana State Board of Accounts and
Management of the Tri-Creek School Corporation

We have examined the Tri-Creek School Corporation ("School Corporation") compliance with the Indiana State Board of Accounts' *Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual For Indiana Public School Corporations* during the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022. 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 July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022, as described in item 2021-001 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 July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022.

Crowe LLP
Crowe LLP

Indianapolis, Indiana
March 10, 2023

TRI-CREEK SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHEDULE OF EXAMINATION FINDINGS AND RESULTS
July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022

FINDING 2022-001: OVERDRAWN CASH BALANCES

Criteria: Chapter 1 of the Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual For Indiana Public School Corporations states in part, "The cash balance of any fund may not be reduced below zero. Routinely overdrawn funds could be an indicator of serious financial problems which should be investigated by the unit."

Condition: During testing of cash fund balances, we noted the following funds that were not cost-reimbursement grant based with a cash balance below zero as of June 30, 2021 or June 30, 2022:

Fund	Amount Overdrawn June 30, 2021	Amount Overdrawn June 30, 2022
Joint Operations- Area Voc	\$ 50,347	\$ 62,516
Common School Loan Spring '21	118,185	-
Clearing Accounts Payable	3	8,555
Clearing Construction	48,370	337,294
2016 Renovations	-	500
CS Advancement	-	305,641
Tech Purchases	-	369,706
FEMA COVID	-	796,821
Food Service Clearing	67,887	-

TRI-CREEK SCHOOL CORPORATION
EXIT CONFERENCE
July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022

The contents of this report were discussed on March 10, 2023 with Dana Bogathy, Executive Director of Business Services, Ed Sopko, Deputy Treasurer, Andy Anderson, Superintendent, and Kyle R. Mitsch, President of the School Board.