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To: The Officials of the River Forest Community School Corporation
River Forest Community School Corporation
3250 Michigan St.
Hobart, IN 46342

This report is supplemental to the audit report of River Forest Community School Corporation (School Corporation), for the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021. 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 River Forest Community School Corporation prepared by Crowe LLP, Independent Public Accountants, for the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021. 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 findings 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
RIVER FOREST COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
Lake County, Indiana
July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021

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RIVER FOREST COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHEDULE OF OFFICIALS
July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Treasurer	Lynne M. Styx	07-01-19 to 02-18-21
	Candace Pick	02-19-21 to 05-23-21
	Samantha Berrier	05-24-21 to 06-30-21
Superintendent of Schools	Dr. Steven C. Disney Jr.	07-01-19 to 06-30-21
President of the School Board	Michelle Martin	07-01-19 to 12-31-20
	Steven Kissel	01-01-21 to 06-30-21

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

To the Indiana State Board of Accounts and
Management of the River Forest Community School Corporation

We have examined the River Forest Community 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, 2019 to June 30, 2021. 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, 2019 to June 30, 2021, as described in items 2021-001 through 2021-003 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, 2019 to June 30, 2021.

Crowe LLP
Crowe LLP

Indianapolis, Indiana
March 14, 2023

RIVER FOREST COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHEDULE OF EXAMINATION FINDINGS AND RESULTS
July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021

FINDING 2021-001: 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, 2020 or June 30, 2021:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount Overdrawn June 30, 2020</u>	<u>Amount Overdrawn June 30, 2021</u>
School Lunch	58,170	163,855
Debt Service	426,177	536,719
Clearing	7,621	-

FINDING 2021-002: PREPAID SCHOOL MEAL ACCOUNTS

Criteria: When a student puts money into their individual meal account, it should not be considered income to the child nutrition program until that student goes through the lunch line and charges a meal to their account. Therefore, while money is in the student's individual account, the balance should not be included in Fund 800 School Lunch. A school should set up a clearing account with the fund number of 8400 Prepaid School Lunch Accounts, which is included in Chapter 4 of the State Board of Accounts Uniform Compliance Guidelines for Indiana Public School Corporations. When a student brings in a deposit the receipt should be recorded to fund 8400 using receipt account 1630 Special Functions. After the student has charged meals, you should disburse the amount charged from 8400 using expenditure account 31900 Other Food Services and receipt this into fund 800 using the Food Services receipt accounts 1611-1623 at the time established in a written school policy to ensure accurate monthly reporting. At this point the receipts are considered program income and should be included on any reports that are required to be completed. Also, on a monthly basis it is required that the balance of the 8400 fund be reconciled with the total of the individual meal accounts. (The School Bulletin and Uniform Compliance Guidelines, February 2019).

Condition: The School Corporation maintains a Prepaid Lunch fund (8400 fund). A separate accounting of prepaid meal accounts was not maintained. A listing of prepaid accounts balances at June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2021, was not provided for audit. Therefore, the amount of prepaid cash included in the School Lunch cash balance reported could not be determined.

FINDING 2021-003: INTERNAL CONTROLS – TRAINING

Criteria: Indiana Code 5-11-1-27(h) states in part, “After June 30, 2016, the fiscal officer of a political subdivision shall certify in writing that: . . . (2) personnel, who are not otherwise on leave status, have received training as required by subsection (g)(2).”

Condition: During testing, we noted that the School Corporation had not met the minimum standards for training set in Indiana Code 5-11-1-27(h). Internal control trainings were not completed as required for the period under audit.

RIVER FOREST COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
EXIT CONFERENCE
July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021

The contents of this report were discussed on March 14, 2023 with Samantha Berrier, CFO, and Kevin Trezak, Superintendent.