



**Jason E. Mumpower, Comptroller of the Treasury**

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## **Former Rossview High School Band Director Stole Money Intended for Trip**

An investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office has resulted in the indictment of Brock Cobb, the former band director at Rossview High School, which is part of the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System.

The Comptroller's Office initiated its investigation after school officials reported possible missing funds.

Investigators determined that Cobb stole at least \$2,750. The money was collected from students and family members as payment for a March 2020 spring break band trip to New York City. The trip was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cobb failed to turn over at least \$2,750 that he collected to the school bookkeeper for deposit into the school's bank account. Instead, Cobb kept the money for his personal benefit. He also failed to account for all of the money on school collection logs, as required, which helped him conceal his misappropriation.



After the trip was cancelled, several parents contacted the school and Cobb to voice concerns that their refund was less than what they had paid for the trip. After receiving questions from parents, Cobb made payments to the families directly.

Cobb resigned as Rossview's band director effective June 22, 2020.

In July 2021, the Montgomery County Grand Jury indicted Brock Justin Cobb on one count of theft over \$2,500.

"Tennessee school systems must ensure that teachers who collect money are following the rules," said Comptroller Jason Mumpower. "These rules include preparing accurate collection records and ensuring money is turned over to the cashier each day for deposit. I'm pleased to see the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System is already taking steps to improve in this area."

To view the investigative report, go to: <https://comptroller.tn.gov/office-functions/investigations/find.html>

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