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Campbell County Board of Education Officials:

The Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury conducted an investigation of selected records of the Campbell County High School, and the results are presented herein.

Copies of this report are being forwarded to Governor Bill Lee, the State Attorney General, the District Attorney General of the 8th Judicial District, certain state legislators, and various other interested parties. A copy of the report is available for public inspection in our Office and may be viewed at http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/ia/.

Sincerely,

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INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Campbell County High School

The Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury investigated allegations of malfeasance related to Campbell County High School. The investigation was initiated after the Comptroller's Office Division of Local Government Audit identified and reported questionable surplus property disposal practices. The investigation was limited to selected records for the period January 2024 through December 2024. The results of the investigation were communicated with the Office of the District Attorney General of the 8th Judicial District.

BACKGROUND

Campbell County High School (CCHS), located in Jacksboro, Tennessee, is a part of the Campbell County Public Schools (school system) and serves approximately 1,023 students in grades 9 through 12. In June 2024, the CCHS cafeteria underwent renovations, which included replacing tables and chairs. On March 12, 2024, the school board approved disposing of "dilapidated items" from the CCHS cafeteria, including 16 booths, 9 round tables, 1 square table, 46 rectangle tables, and 314 chairs.

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

1. A CAMPBELL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL EMPLOYEE IMPROPERLY GIFTED SURPLUS CAFETERIA PROPERTY TO A LOCAL RESTAURANT

In the summer of 2024, a CCHS employee improperly gifted CCHS surplus cafeteria property to a local restaurant. According to the restaurant owner, the restaurant received approximately 20 chairs from a CCHS employee **(Refer to Exhibit 1),** and nothing of value was exchanged for the property. Investigators identified the surplus cafeteria chairs at a local restaurant. The CCHS employee stated that a school system department director authorized giving the surplus cafeteria property to the restaurant because it was still in good working condition and was set to be disposed of. According to the school system department director, she did not authorize the CCHS employee to give the restaurant any surplus cafeteria property and only authorized the surplus cafeteria property to be disposed of in accordance with school system policy. School system surplus property approved to be disposed of is generally brought to a local convenience center or metal yard, where items are sold and funds are deposited and recorded as school system revenue. The school system does not allow the public to take or receive any surplus property authorized to be disposed of.

Exhibit 1

CCHS cafeteria surplus chairs gifted by an employee to a local restaurant

In compliance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-2007, school system policy requires that the disposal of surplus property be approved by the school board and that the property be sold to the highest bidder after appropriate advertising in a newspaper of general circulation. For surplus property with no value or with a value less than $500, the property can be disposed of without bids if the director of schools and the school board chairperson agree in written form that the property is of no value or of a value less than $500.

Investigators found no written documentation supporting the value of the CCHS surplus cafeteria property authorized for disposal by the school board on March 12, 2024. While some of the surplus cafeteria property was transferred to another school, school system officials could not provide the disposition of the remaining items. Because some of the surplus cafeteria property was used by another school and a local restaurant, investigators question why the school board classified the surplus cafeteria property as “dilapidated items” and of no value to the school system. School system officials should ensure surplus property policy is followed and documented to confirm that all property is disposed of in a manner that benefits taxpayers, rather than any individual or business.

School system officials have corrected or intend to correct this finding.