



COMPTROLLER'S INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Marion County Family and Community Engagement Program

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Marion County School Board Officials:

The Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury conducted an investigation of selected records of the Marion County Family and Community Engagement Program, 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 12th 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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Comptroller of the Treasury

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INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

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The Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury investigated allegations of malfeasance related to the Marion County Family and Community Engagement Program. The Comptroller's Office initiated the investigation after school officials reported questionable time reporting practices. The investigation was limited to selected records for the period July 22, 2024, through May 31, 2025. The results of the investigation were communicated with the Office of the District Attorney General of the 12th Judicial District.

BACKGROUND



The Family and Community Engagement Program (program) is a federal program within the Marion County School District (MCS) located in Jasper, TN. The program includes a supervisor of family engagement who oversees both the overall program and the family engagement coordinators (coordinators) assigned to each MCS school. Additionally, the program supervisor is responsible for reviewing the submission(s) of each coordinator's completed timesheets and event notebooks. Coordinators are responsible for planning, scheduling, and hosting family educational events throughout the MCS school year. To ensure accurate documentation, each

coordinator is required to record their program related hours on an MCS issued timesheet and compile documentation of the events occurring into a comprehensive binder.

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

- 1. THE FORMER FAMILY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR AT MARION COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S JASPER MIDDLE SCHOOL SUBMITTED FALSIFIED TIMESHEETS**

The former coordinator at MCS's Jasper Middle School submitted falsified timesheets for at least 31.1 hours. Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann § 39-16-504(1), it is unlawful for any person to knowingly make a false entry of a government record. Investigators analyzed timesheets, calendars, and payroll records and determined that the coordinator knowingly submitted timesheets falsely indicating the times and dates when work was allegedly performed for the program outside of school hours. These falsified timesheets included overlapping hours for time claimed while at the former coordinator's part-time job. Additionally, upon review of the former coordinator's timesheets, investigators found that the former coordinator submitted time while she was on leave status from MCS's Jasper Middle School. Program coordinators are paid annually as part of the end-of-year program closing. MCS officials reported the time discrepancies for time claimed for events not attended, while on leave, or for in-service days, and withheld the coordinator's pay.

The coordinator told investigators that her program's timesheets were not accurate, and that she claimed time to meet the program's required hours.
