

2/17/2025

Notice to Richland-Bean Blossom Community School Corporation Stakeholders

Current Indiana Code 20-28-9-27 requires that school corporations that receive an increase in tuition support from one fiscal year to the next are required to spend as much on teacher salaries (which are only certain teachers in the bargaining unit sub coded as .30-.33) as they did the previous year. RBBCSC did that, but in November we received a notification from the State that they believed we did not meet that requirement. Our corporation officials notified them that this was not accurate and were able to provide them with specific evidence and codes where the numbers they pulled were not in line with our actual expenditures.

We met with the IDOE Director of School Finance to talk through this and to see what we needed to do to get this resolved. When meeting with her, we were able to identify why this occurred in the system. The DOE Finance Director said they are working on the system being able to catch this and we will also now do another review on this prior to submission of future Form 9 data.

The DOE Finance Director informed us that at this point in time they could not go back and change anything in their database. We had to still acknowledge in a public meeting that we received this notice, which was done at our 2/27/2025 regular board meeting.

Sincerely,

Matt Trwin

Matt Irwin Assistant Superintendent, RBBCSC



Indiana Department of Education

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

January 3, 2025

Richland-Bean Blossom C S C 600 S Edgewood Dr Ellettsville, IN 47429

Dear Jerry Sanders, Debbie Tate, and Dana Robert Kerr,

Pursuant to Indiana Code (IC) 20-28-9-27, school corporations that received an increase in tuition support from one fiscal year to the next are required to spend an amount for full-time teacher salaries during the state fiscal year that was not less than the funding floor for the preceding state fiscal year. This memo serves as notice that 5705 Richland-Bean Blossom C S C experienced an increase in state tuition support between fiscal year 2023 and fiscal year 2024, and the funding floor was not met.

Full-time teacher salaries included full-time teachers and temporary teachers as defined by IC 20-18-2-22(d), which were coded in Form 9 financial information as subcategories 30 to 33. Form 9 financial information submitted by 5705 Richland-Bean Blossom C S C for fiscal years 2023 and 2024 reflected the following:

•	Fiscal Year 2023 State Tuition Support:	\$19,860,119.00
•	Fiscal Year 2024 State Tuition Support:	\$20,901,675.00
•	Fiscal Year 2023 Funding Floor:	\$10,174,260.13
•	Fiscal Year 2024 Full-Time Teacher Expenditures:	\$9,246,422.25

Pursuant to IC 20-28-9-27, 5705 Richland-Bean Blossom C S C must do the following:

- 1) Publicly acknowledge receipt of this notice from the Department at the governing body's next public meeting.
 - a. Enter into the governing body's official minutes for the meeting an acknowledgment of the notice.
- 2) Within thirty days after the meeting, publish this notification on the school corporation's website.

Contact the Indiana Department of Education's Office of School Finance with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Senior Department Director, Office of School Finance