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DEPARTMENT of
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Mike Braun, Governor
Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

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4680 Lake Station Community Schools
2500 Pike St
Lake Station, IN 46405

Dear Dr. Tom Cripliver, Tammy Whisenant, David Wright,

Pursuant to Indiana Code (IC) 20-28-9-28, school corporations are required to spend at least 62% of applicable state tuition support on teacher compensation each fiscal year. **This memo serves as notice that Form 9 financial information for Lake Station Community Schools shows less than 62% of applicable state tuition support spent on teacher compensation during fiscal year 25. Thus, the teacher compensation requirement was not met.**

Teacher compensation included teachers as defined by IC 20-18-2-22(d), which were coded in Form 9 financial information as objects 100-299 and subcategories 30-39 or 62-66. Form 9 financial information submitted by Lake Station Community Schools for fiscal years 2024 and 2025 reflected the following:

Fiscal Year 2025 Applicable State Tuition Support:	**$9,926,740.00**
Fiscal Year 2025 Teacher Compensation Expenditures:	**$5,398,122.97**
Fiscal Year 2025 Teacher Compensation Percentage:	**54.38%**

Pursuant to IC 20-28-9-28, Lake Station Community Schools must do the following:

1) Publicly acknowledge receipt of this notice from the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) at the governing body's next public meeting.
    a. Enter into the governing body's official meeting minutes an acknowledgment of the notice.
2) Within 30 days after the meeting, publish this notification on the school corporation's website.

Contact IDOE's Office of School Finance with any questions.

Sincerely,

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