

Summary: Unfounded Allegations that Tribe Illegally Removed Funds from BIE-Funded School

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The OIG investigated allegations that a Tribe wrongfully took funds from a tribally-operated boarding school funded by the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE). We also investigated whether findings and questioned costs identified in an audit of the school rose to the level of criminal misconduct.

We found no evidence to indicate the Tribe wrongfully took school funds. In addition, though the BIE has issued two bills of collection to recuperate some of the questioned costs identified in the audit, we did not identify criminal misconduct associated with those findings.

This is a summary of an investigative report we issued to the BIE Director.

