



Lee County Schools Investigative Timeline

September 04, 2026

BACKGROUND

In March 2025, the North Carolina Office of the State Auditor (OSA) initiated an investigation into Lee County Schools after a former employee was arrested and accused of embezzling more than \$190,000. Over the course of the investigation, OSA worked with Lee County Schools, the Sanford Police Department, the Lee County District Attorney's Office, and LINQ, a software solutions company used by K-12 schools. OSA refrained from releasing any public updates given the ongoing criminal investigation.

In August 2026, the former Lee County Schools finance employee, Jordan Allred, pled guilty to four felony counts of embezzlement involving approximately \$190,588 from Lee County Schools, with probation, restitution, and jail time ordered as part of the court outcome.

The following timeline of events highlights the investigative work conducted by OSA from the original arrest to the guilty plea.

TIMELINE

Date	Event / Activity
March 13-14, 2025	Public reporting states Lee County Schools discovered a payroll discrepancy, began internal review, and Jordan Allred was terminated the next day.
March 17, 2025	OSA sent an engagement letter to Lee County Schools Superintendent Dr. Chris Dossenbach, notifying him of the investigation into the school district.
March 21-28, 2025	OSA contacted LINQ to obtain access, logs, and related system information regarding Lee County Schools and Jordan Allred.
March 24-26, 2025	Lee County Schools provided documents to OSA including financial summaries, bank statements, and LINQ log history.

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April 10, 2025	OSA sent Sanford Police Department bank statements and bank account analysis.
July 2025-June 2026	OSA remained in contact with the Lee County District Attorney's Office regarding the Jordan Allred matter and related follow-up steps.
August 3-4, 2026	Public reporting states that Jordan Allred pled guilty to four felony counts of embezzlement involving approximately \$190,588 from Lee County Schools.

OSA did not prepare a formal, publicly available investigative audit report as a result of its investigation into Lee County Schools. Instead, OSA prepared and sent a letter to Lee County Board of Education leadership which detailed findings and suggestions for improvements to internal controls. Because the letter discussed cybersecurity matters which could potentially expose Lee County Schools to vulnerabilities, it is not being made public. This closeout document is not exhaustive and does not constitute an audit or attestation engagement conducted in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards.