

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): **September 1, 2017**

SCHOOL SPECIALTY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

000-24385
(Commission
File Number)

39-0971239
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

W6316 Design Drive
Greenville, Wisconsin 54942
(Address of principal executive offices, including
zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (920) 734-5712

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 4.01. Changes in Registrant’s Certifying Accountants.

As previously disclosed, on August 11, 2017, the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of School Specialty, Inc. (the “Company”) recommended and approved the selection of Grant Thornton LLP (“Grant Thornton”) as the Company’s new independent registered public accounting firm. The change was subject to the completion of Grant Thornton’s client acceptance procedures and execution of an engagement letter. On September 1, 2017, Grant Thornton completed their client acceptance procedures and officially accepted the engagement effective for the Company’s fiscal year ending December 30, 2017.

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016, the transition period ended December 26, 2015 and the fiscal year ended April 25, 2015, and through September 1, 2017, neither the Company, nor anyone on its behalf, consulted Grant Thornton regarding either (i) the application of accounting principles to a specified transaction, either completed or proposed, or the type of audit opinion that might be rendered on the financial statements of the Company and neither a written report nor oral advice was provided to the Company that Grant Thornton concluded was an important factor considered by the Company in reaching a decision as to any accounting, auditing, or financial reporting issue; or (ii) any matter that was the subject of a “disagreement” (as defined in Item 304(a)(1)(iv) of Regulation S-K and the related instructions) or a “reportable event” (as described in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K).

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SCHOOL SPECIALTY, INC.

Dated: September 5, 2017

By: /s/ Kevin L. Baehler
Kevin L. Baehler
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer