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Arizona Auditor General
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Dear Ms. Perry:

Thank you for your engagement in the auditing of the East Valley Institute of Technology for the past 18 months.

We accept this second report's singular finding and will implement the recommendations.

Thank you for supporting our mission to "Change lives by loving our students and serving our communities," including our taxpayers.

Sincerely,

Dr. Chad Wilson, Superintendent
East Valley Institute of Technology

Finding 1: District has not developed and implemented comprehensive capital and strategic plans to ensure it spends efficiently on capital projects and that projects provide intended benefits

Recommendation 1: The District should develop and implement a formal multiyear capital plan for its central campuses that includes components such as capital needs, maintenance requirements, funding options, and operating budget impacts.

District Response: The finding of the Auditor General is agreed to, and the audit recommendation will be implemented.

Recommendation 2: The District should develop and implement a formal strategic planning process to ensure that issues such as CTE program needs, costs, benefits, time frames, resources, and potential fiscal impacts are addressed for new capital projects.

District Response: The finding of the Auditor General is agreed to, and the audit recommendation will be implemented.

Recommendation 3: The District should develop and implement a formal strategic plan for operating HopeTech that includes information such as the District's goals for HopeTech, services to be offered, projections for ongoing operating and maintenance costs, how the facility will be funded, and how the District's funding choices may impact CTE programs.

District Response: The finding of the Auditor General is agreed to, and the audit recommendation will be implemented.

Recommendation 4: The District should present the strategic plan for HopeTech to its Board.

District Response: The finding of the Auditor General is agreed to, and the audit recommendation will be implemented.

Recommendation 5: The District should determine the current costs and benefits of the charter school lease and operations on its campus and identify future goals to help guide decisions about the lease going forward.

District Response: The finding of the Auditor General is agreed to, and the audit recommendation will be implemented.

Recommendation 6: The District should present its analysis and goals for the charter school lease and operations to its Board.

District Response: The finding of the Auditor General is agreed to, and the audit recommendation will be implemented.