Arizona Auditor General

We have issued the final fiscal year (FY) 2025 <u>school district annual expenditure budget</u> <u>packet</u> in conjunction with the Arizona Department of Education (ADE). As the Fifty-sixth Legislature, Second Regular Session, has now concluded, these budget forms include additional enacted legislation. Changes from the previous year's budget forms have been highlighted light yellow. The most significant changes are described below.

Data Entry tab

- Increased the base level amount and state support level per route mile.
- Added lines to account for the onetime district additional assistance (DAA) supplement and the onetime free or reduced-price lunch (FRPL) Group B weight supplement.

BSA55 tab

 Added lines for the onetime FRPL Group B weight supplement and the onetime DAA supplement to the base support level adjustments section.

The final forms include all formula corrections previously communicated, in addition to the following:

Summary Page 2 tab:

- Updated the formula in cell C7 to: ='Page 6'!!47
- Updated the formula in cell D7 to: ='Page 6'!J47

Laws 2024, HB2906, §23, indicates the governor and the Legislature intend that districts increase their total percentage of classroom spending over the previous year's percentages in the combined categories of instruction, student support, and instructional support.

In accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §15-905(E), districts cannot make additions to the proposed budget total for the Maintenance and Operations or Unrestricted Capital Outlay Funds in their adopted budgets. Districts that have already proposed their budgets using the preliminary budget forms may adopt those budgets or use these final forms to repropose their budgets. Districts that adopt their budgets using preliminary budget forms may use these final forms to revise their budgets by September 15 in accordance with A.R.S. §15-905(Q). ADE will not accept budget revisions submitted on the preliminary budget forms. Districts must upload any revised forms through ADE's School Finance Budget System.

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Sincerely, Arizona Auditor General

