

LINDSEY A. PERRY AUDITOR GENERAL MELANIE M. CHESNEY

June 17, 2024

Governing Board Phoenix Elementary School District 1817 N. 7th St. Phoenix. AZ 85006

Dear Members of the Board:

We have reviewed Phoenix Elementary School District's audit reports and *Uniform System of Financial Records for Arizona School Districts* (USFR) Compliance Questionnaire for the year ended June 30, 2023, prepared by CWDL, Certified Public Accountants, which indicate that the District has not complied with the USFR. We have attached a list of the most significant USFR compliance deficiencies we noted in these reports.

We provided separately to you and District management a corrective action plan template that includes these deficiencies. Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §15-271, District management should implement corrective actions within 90 days after the date of this letter.

Please be advised, Phoenix Elementary School District has assumed accounting responsibility pursuant to A.R.S. §15-914.01. If we determine the District has not implemented corrective actions to maintain accounting standards as provided by the USFR and the Arizona State Board of Education finds the District in noncompliance as provided in A.R.S. §15-272, the District is no longer eligible to participate in the accounting responsibility program.

If you have any questions, please contact Megan Smith, Accountability Services Division Manager, or me at asd@azauditor.gov or (602) 977-2796.

Sincerely,

Meghan L. Hieger, CPA

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Director, Accountability Services Division

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cc: Dr. Deborah Gonzalez, Superintendent

Ms. Alicia Mena, Executive Director of Budget and Finance

Phoenix Elementary School District

The Honorable Steve Watson, Maricopa County School Superintendent

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Mr. Art Harding, Chief Operations Officer

Ms. Nicole von Prisk, Deputy Associate Superintendent, Grants Management

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