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December 23, 2024

Governing Board
Sedona-Oak Creek Joint Unified School District
995 Upper Red Rock Loop Rd.
Sedona, AZ 86336

Dear Members of the Board:

We previously notified you that Sedona-Oak Creek Joint Unified School District (District) had not complied with the *Uniform System of Financial Records for Arizona School Districts* (USFR) based on our review of the District's fiscal year 2023 financial audit reports and the USFR Compliance Questionnaire (Questionnaire) prepared by an independent certified public accounting firm.

We have since reviewed the District's FY 2025 records and procedures as of November 2024. Based on our review of all available information, including the number and significance of the District's outstanding deficiencies, the District is no longer in noncompliance with the USFR. However, as noted in our December 18, 2024, email and discussion with District management, the District continues to have some outstanding deficiencies, including 8 items that have not been corrected, 4 items that have been partially corrected, and 1 new additional deficiency.

Please be advised the District must act to correct the outstanding deficiencies, and its future audit reports must reflect that these deficiencies have been corrected. The areas containing the most significant deficiencies are Property Control and Procurement, leaving District property susceptible to theft, loss, and misuse and putting the District at risk of not receiving the best value for the public monies it spends.

Thank you for the assistance and cooperation that your administrators and staff provided during our review. If you have questions concerning this matter, please call Chris Votroubek, Accountability Services Division Manager, or me at (602) 977-2796.

Sincerely,

Meghan L. Hieger

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Director, Accountability Services Division

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