



# Quartzsite School District #4

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Ms. Lindsey Perry,

Quartzsite School District has received and reviewed the Performance Audit conducted for fiscal year 2019. Quartzsite School District #4 would like to commend and extend appreciation to Joshua Lykins and his team for their professionalism and patience throughout the process.

The information shared has provided Quartzsite School District #4 an opportunity to make improvements towards continued efficiency and compliance.

Attached is the District's response to each finding and recommendation.

Sincerely,

Raquel Burton

Superintendent

**Finding 1:** District continued to operate 2 schools even though 1 posed significant safety concerns to students and staff and the other was large enough to serve all students

District Response: The District agrees with the finding.

**Recommendation 1:** The District should evaluate excess building space at its schools and determine and implement ways to reduce it, including considering whether to consolidate all students to 1 campus.

District Response: The District agrees with and plans on implementing the recommendation. The school board is currently discussing all options based on the needs of both of our school communities. The board will continue to discuss the topic of consolidating schools temporarily based on School Facility Board decisions to repair buildings at Quartzsite Elementary.

**Recommendation 2:** District should ensure that any Quartzsite Elementary School buildings are safe before allowing any students or staff in them.

District Response: The District agrees with and plans on implementing the recommendation. The District has and will continue to make any repairs in buildings where students and staff are to ensure their safety.

**Finding 2:** District is not meeting requirements of State-mandated school improvement program designed to improve student achievement, resulting in more than \$200,000 in federal monies withheld

District Response: The District agrees with the finding.

**Recommendation 3:** The District should work with ADE to develop and implement required past due IAPs to improve its instructional program and students' academic achievement.

District Response: The District agrees with and plans on implementing this recommendation. The District has worked and will continue to work closely with ADE improvement team. Past due IAPs were recently submitted. The District will also monitor IAP's to improve instructional programs and ensure that students are making academic progress.

**Recommendation 4:** The District should ensure it performs the required comprehensive needs assessment and develops and submits any future required IAPs during the time frame specified by ADE and, once approved, implement all action steps.

District Response: The District agrees with and plans on implementing this recommendation. The District is working on ensuring that IAP's are submitted within the timeframe ADE has set forth. In addition, the District has designated a staff member to assist with data entry and ensure that plans are implemented, and action steps are followed.