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The Honorable Thayer Verschoor, Chair
Joint Legislative Audit Committee

The Honorable Judy Burges, Vice Chair
Joint Legislative Audit Committee

Dear Senator Verschoor and Representative Burges:

Our Office has recently completed the 4th followup of the Deer Valley Unified School District's implementation status for the 12 audit recommendations (including sub-parts of the recommendations) presented in the performance audit report released in December 2006. As the attached grid indicates:

- 11 recommendations have been implemented; and
- 1 recommendation is in the process of being implemented.

Unless otherwise directed by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, this report concludes our followup work on the District's efforts to implement the recommendations resulting from the December 2006 performance audit.

Sincerely,

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Director, Division of School Audits

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Andrew Tobin
Arizona House of Representatives
Dr. Virginia McElyea, Superintendent
Governing Board
Deer Valley Unified School District

DEER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Auditor General Performance Audit Report Issued December 2006
4th Follow-Up Report

Recommendation	Status/Additional Explanation
CHAPTER 1: Administration	
1. The District should evaluate whether it can reduce the number of administrative positions.	Implemented at 6 months
CHAPTER 2: Food Service	
1. The District should establish and monitor additional food service operational benchmarks, such as salary, food, and supply costs per meal and cost per student, for comparison to similar districts'.	Implemented at 12 months
CHAPTER 3: Student Transportation	
1. The District should evaluate alternative and/or additional bus storage facilities, and seek to identify other ways to minimize the number of miles driven and reduce its transportation program costs.	Implemented at 18 months The District has determined that an additional bus storage facility could produce potential savings and has begun the process of designing a satellite facility in the northern portion of the District.
2. The District should perform rider counts throughout the year and evaluate and adjust routes to increase efficiency and reduce miles driven. Further, the District should maintain its records supporting the reported number of riders and miles as required by the <i>Records Retention and Disposition Schedule</i> for school districts.	Implemented at 6 months
3. The District should develop and monitor performance measures such as cost per mile, cost per rider, and bus capacity usage.	Implementation in process The District has established a baseline for its performance measures of bus capacity, cost per rider, cost per mile, and miles per route hour. The District has not yet used these measures to monitor and adjust its program, but intends to do so during fiscal year 2010.

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CHAPTER 4: Plant Operation and Maintenance

No Recommendations

CHAPTER 5: Proposition 301 monies

<p>1. The District's Proposition 301 plan should specify which positions are eligible for the monies and the amount of performance pay each eligible employee can earn if performance criteria are met.</p>	<p>Implemented at 6 months</p>
<p>2. The District should ensure that accounting records are maintained in sufficient detail to demonstrate that Proposition 301 monies were spent in accordance with statute and the District's plan.</p> <p>Additionally, the District should determine the amount of Proposition 301 monies actually paid out to eligible employees and, from other monies, repay any supplanted amounts to the Classroom Site Fund's menu monies account.</p>	<p>Implemented at 18 months As of the beginning of fiscal year 2009, the Classroom Site Fund is being charged directly for the Proposition 301 portions of eligible employees' salaries.</p> <p>Implemented at 4th follow up</p>
<p>3. The District should ensure that employees submit required documentation of meeting their goals and review and approve such documentation prior to awarding performance pay.</p>	<p>Implemented at 12 months</p>
<p>4. The District should ensure that Proposition 301 monies are spent only as statute authorizes.</p>	<p>Implemented at 12 months</p>

CHAPTER 6: Classroom Dollars

<p>1. The District should classify all transactions in accordance with the Uniform Chart of Accounts for school districts.</p>	<p>Implemented at 18 months</p>
<p>2. The District should review its spending in noninstructional areas, such as transportation and food service, to determine if savings can be achieved and some of these monies can be redirected to the classroom.</p>	<p>Implemented at 6 months</p>
