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Date: December 18, 2023

To: Lindsey A. Perry, CPA, CFE

Arizona Auditor

Re: CVIT Performance Audit

District agrees with the Auditor General's Performance Audit Findings.

Finding 1: District's lack of key outcome data prevents it from demonstrating how the \$1.4 million it spent on programs in fiscal year 2021 effectively prepared students for high-needs occupations

Recommendation 1: The District should develop and implement consistent data collection protocols for all CTE programs to demonstrate compliance with statutory and ADE requirements and recommended practices. This includes collecting and validating complete data, such as data related to student certifications earned and post-graduate jobs obtained, as well as developing a process to track all outcome data.

<u>District Response:</u> The finding of the Auditor General is agreed to, and the audit recommendation will be implemented.

Response explanation: The District will work with all member districts in developing and implementing consistent verifiable data reporting procedures as it relates to student certifications earned and post-graduate jobs obtained used to track all outcome data.

Recommendation 2: The District should analyze all CTE program outcome data to evaluate the effectiveness of its CTE programs in preparing students for high-need occupations and to support the investment of any public monies, and use the results of its evaluations to

make changes to its programs to ensure they are meeting their statutory purpose of preparing students for high-need occupations.

<u>District Response:</u> The finding of the Auditor General is agreed to, and the audit recommendation will be implemented.

Response explanation: The District will annually review and analyze both central and satellite CTE program outcome data with all member district administrators to implement any needed changes to ensure the statutory purposes of preparing students for high-need occupations.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us.

Mike O'Neal

CVIT Superintendent

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