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Ms. Debra Davenport, Auditor General Office of the Auditor General 2910 N 44th Street, Suite 410 Phoenix AZ 85018

Dear Ms. Davenport:

On behalf of the State Board of Education, I appreciate the opportunity to review the findings and recommendations included in the *Performance Audit of the Arizona Department of Education – K-3 Reading Program.* The thoughtful recommendations will enhance and improve the K-3 Reading Program. The Board and its staff commend the professionalism of the audit team in conducting the audit, and the willingness of the audit team to engage in dialogue to ensure accuracy and understanding. The Board looks forward to the implementation of the recommendations in the report.

Sincerely,

Greg Miller President, State Board of Education