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September 12, 2023

Arizona State Board of Education 1700 W. Washington St. Executive Tower Ste. 300 Phoenix, AZ 85007

Subject: Antelope Union High School District—No longer in Noncompliance with Audit Reporting Requirements

Dear Members of the State Board:

In our July 31, 2023, letter to you, we requested that the Arizona State Board of Education (State Board) take action on Antelope Union High School District because the District had not submitted its audit reports and the *Uniform System of Financial Records for Arizona School Districts* (USFR) Compliance Questionnaire (questionnaire) for the year ended June 30, 2022. We have since received the District's reports and questionnaire. Therefore, the District has met the report submission requirements for that year.

As mentioned in our July 31 letter, the District has been in noncompliance with the USFR since August 2019 based on our review of the most significant deficiencies cited in the District's audit reports and questionnaires for the years ended June 30, 2018 through 2021, and our March 2021 status review. Now that we have received the District's reports and questionnaire for the year ended June 30, 2022, we will begin our review to assess whether the District has complied with the USFR and will update the District and the State Board of the results.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please call Meghan Hieger, Director, or Megan Smith, Manager, within our Accountability Services Division at (602) 977-2796.

Sincerely,

Lindsey A. Perry, CPA, CFE

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Auditor General

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cc: Governing Board

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