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Governing Board
Bowie Unified School District
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Dear Members of the Board:

Please be advised that we have received and reviewed Bowie Unified School District's financial audit reports and the *Uniform System of Financial Records for Arizona School Districts* (USFR) Compliance Questionnaire (questionnaire), for the year ended June 30, 2022, prepared by CWDL, Certified Public Accountants, and issued a performance audit follow-up report in February 2023. These reports indicate that the District is still in noncompliance with the USFR. In addition, the District's independent auditors expressed a qualified opinion on the District's financial statements based on lack of adequate documentation to support revenues recorded in the general ledger. We have attached a list of the most significant USFR compliance deficiencies we noted in these reports.

As you are aware, we first notified you in March 2022 that the District was in noncompliance with the USFR based on our review of the District's fiscal year (FY) 2020 audit reports and questionnaire. We have also received and reviewed the District's FY 2021 audit reports and questionnaire, which indicated that the District was still in noncompliance with the USFR.

Today, we have provided separately to you and District management an updated corrective action plan template to document corrective actions that have been taken to comply with the USFR. Because the District has far exceeded statutory time frames for correcting its deficiencies, it must demonstrate compliance with the USFR within 45 days of the date of this letter. After that time, we will notify the Arizona State Board of Education of the District's ongoing noncompliance and request that appropriate action be taken consistent with A.R.S. §15-271 et seq.

If you have any questions, please contact Megan Smith, Accountability Services Division Manager, or me at asd@azauditor.gov or (602) 977-2796.

Sincerely,

Meghan L. Hieger

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