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Governing Board
Hackberry Elementary School District
9501 Nellie Drive
Kingman, AZ 86401

Dear Members of the Board:

Please be advised that we have received and reviewed Hackberry Elementary School District's financial audit reports for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020, and 2021, and the *Uniform System of Financial Records for Arizona School Districts* (USFR) Compliance Questionnaire (questionnaire) for the year ended June 30, 2021, prepared by Dobridge & Company, P.C., and issued a performance audit follow-up report in May 2023. These reports indicate that the District is still in noncompliance with the USFR. 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 December 2020, that the District was in noncompliance with the USFR based on our review of the District's fiscal year (FY) 2019 audit reports and questionnaire.

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 timeframes 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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cc: Ms. Deb Warren, Administrator
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