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The Honorable Judy Burges, Chair  
Joint Legislative Audit Committee

The Honorable John Allen, Vice Chair  
Joint Legislative Audit Committee

Dear Senator Burges and Representative Allen:

Our Office has recently completed a 6-month followup of the Laveen Elementary School District's implementation status for the 2 audit recommendations presented in the performance audit report released in May 2014. As the enclosed grid indicates both recommendations have been implemented.

Unless otherwise directed by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, this report concludes our follow-up work on the District's efforts to implement the recommendations resulting from the May 2014 performance audit.

Sincerely,

Ross Ehrick, CPA  
Director, Division of School Audits

RE:bh  
Enclosure

cc: Dr. Bill Johnson, Superintendent  
Governing Board  
Laveen Elementary School District

**LAVEEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Auditor General Performance Audit Report Issued May 2014**  
**6-Month Follow-Up Report**

Recommendation	Status/Additional Explanation
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**FINDING 1: District did not meet all state transportation safety requirements for its bus drivers**

1. The District should maintain documentation pertaining to driver certifications and ensure that drivers meet all requirements as specified in the State's <i>Minimum Standards</i> .	<b>Implemented at 6 months</b>
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**OTHER FINDINGS: District may be able to improve plant operations efficiency and lower costs**

1. To reduce its plant operations costs, the District should review its current custodial needs and staffing levels to determine whether it can further reduce or eliminate its contracted custodial services.	<b>Implemented at 6 months</b> District officials reviewed the District's custodial needs and decided that in order to continue to keep its facilities in good condition, they would not further reduce their contracted custodial services. The District has reduced its plant operations costs per square foot by other means such as implementing the second phase of a guaranteed energy-savings contract to reduce energy usage and costs. As a result, the District's plant operations cost per square foot was reduced in fiscal year 2014 to a level similar to the peer districts' average, and its cost per pupil remained much lower than peer districts'.
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