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**Subject: Piñon Unified 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 Piñon Unified 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.

Now that we have received the District's reports and questionnaire, we will begin our review to assess whether the District has complied with the USFR and will notify the District and the State Board if it has not complied.

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*

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