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The Honorable John Allen, Chair
Joint Legislative Audit Committee

The Honorable Judy Burges, Vice Chair
Joint Legislative Audit Committee

Dear Representative Allen and Senator Burges:

Our Office has recently completed a 24-month followup of the Queen Creek Unified School District's implementation status for the 7 audit recommendations presented in the performance audit report released in October 2012. As the enclosed grid indicates, all 7 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 October 2012 performance audit.

Sincerely,

Ross Ehrick, CPA
Director, Division of School Audits

RE:bh
Enclosure

cc: Mr. Tom Lindsey, Superintendent
Governing Board
Queen Creek Unified School District

QUEEN CREEK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Auditor General Performance Audit Report Issued October 2012 24-Month Follow-Up Report

| Recommendation | Status/Additional Explanation |
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| FINDING 1: Much lower administrative costs, but some improvements needed | |
| 1. The District should limit employees' access to only those accounting system functions and student information needed to perform their job responsibilities. | Implemented at 24 months |
| FINDING 2: Improvements needed to lower transportation costs and accurately report transportation miles and riders | |
| 1. The District should closely review its bus routes to determine if changes can be made to improve route efficiency. | Implemented at 6 months The District reviewed its bus routes and ridership and improved its route efficiency by eliminating 5 of its 26 regular education routes. Further, the District is continuing to review its routes by monitoring ridership each week. |
| 2. The District should develop and monitor performance measures such as cost per mile, cost per rider, and bus capacity usage. | Implemented at 18 months |
| 3. The District should accurately calculate and report the miles driven for state funding purposes. | Implemented at 6 months |
| 4. The District should contact the Arizona Department of Education regarding needed corrections to its transportation funding reports and corresponding adjustments to its expenditure budget. | Implemented at 18 months |
| 5. The District should maintain its records supporting the reported number of transportation miles and riders as required by the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records retention schedule. | Implemented at 24 months |
| OTHER FINDINGS: District incurred a loss on lunches provided to some charter schools | |
| 1. The District should renegotiate prices with the charter schools to ensure that revenues generated from selling meals at least cover the related costs. | Implemented at 18 months |