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June 5, 2025

Arizona State Board of Education
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Subject: Gila Bend Unified School District—No Longer in Noncompliance with USFR

Dear Members of the State Board:

As described in our July 19, 2024, letter, Gila Bend Unified School District (District) has been in noncompliance with the *Uniform System of Financial Records for Arizona School Districts* (USFR) since January 2021. On September 27, 2021, the Arizona State Board of Education (State Board) directed the Superintendent of Public Instruction to withhold 3 percent of the District's State aid in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §15-272(B) and an additional 3 percent on August 28, 2023.

We have since reviewed the District's financial audit reports and USFR Compliance Questionnaire for the year ended June 30, 2024, prepared by an independent certified public accounting firm. Based on our review of all available information in these reports, including the number and significance of the District's outstanding deficiencies, the District is no longer in noncompliance with the USFR. Therefore, the State Board can take appropriate action pursuant to A.R.S. §15-272.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please call Meghan Hieger, Accountability Services Division Director, or me at (602) 553-0333.

Sincerely,

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