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Subject: McNary Elementary School District—Still in noncompliance with the USFR

In accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §15-271, we are notifying you that McNary Elementary School District (District) is still in noncompliance with the *Uniform System of Financial Records* for Arizona School Districts (USFR) based on our review of the District's fiscal year (FY) 2024 financial audit reports and USFR Compliance Questionnaire (Questionnaire) and our June 2024 status review results. As required, we are providing you a list of the most significant USFR deficiencies we noted in those reports and our status review.

The following summarizes our past notifications and State Board of Education (State Board) action related to the District's continued noncompliance with the USFR:

- September 2023—We notified the District that it had not complied with the USFR based on our review of the significant deficiencies cited in its FY 2022 financial audit reports and Questionnaire. The District had 90 days to correct its deficiencies.
- May through June 2024—We conducted a status review of the District's internal controls and corrective action plan to determine whether the District had made improvements to address its noncompliance with the USFR identified in its FY 2022 financial audit reports and Questionnaire. We reviewed the District's procedures and related documents, and conducted interviews with personnel.
- September 2024—We notified the State Board that the District had not made adequate progress in correcting its deficiencies and remained in noncompliance with the USFR based on our status review of the District's internal controls and our review of the District's FY 2023 financial audit reports and Questionnaire, which we received in March 2024 and included additional deficiencies not cited in the District's FY 2022 financial audit reports and Questionnaire.

- December 2024—The State Board held a hearing and directed the Superintendent of Public Instruction to withhold 3 percent of the District's State aid in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes §15-272(B).

Further, we will continue to assist the District as it works to correct its internal control deficiencies. For example, we provided the District an updated corrective action plan template to document corrective actions taken to comply with the USFR, and we will schedule periodic meetings with District management to discuss the District's implemented and planned corrective actions. When the District can show it has corrected its deficiencies, my Office may perform a status review to determine if the District is no longer in noncompliance with the USFR, and we will inform you of the results.

If you have questions concerning the District's noncompliance or our process, please call Meghan Hieger, Director, or Chris Votroubek, Manager, within our Accountability Services Division at (602) 977-2796.

Sincerely,

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