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Sent via email

Arizona State Board of Education
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Subject: Hyder Elementary School District—No Longer in Noncompliance with USFR

Dear Members of the State Board:

As described in our August 20, 2024, letter, Hyder Elementary School District (District) has been in noncompliance with the *Uniform System of Financial Records for Arizona School Districts* (USFR) since July 2019. 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 received and reviewed the District's fiscal year (FY) 2024 financial audit reports and USFR Compliance Questionnaire and reviewed the District's FY 2025 records and procedures as of April 2025. Based on our review of all available information, 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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