



ARIZONA AUDITOR GENERAL

Lindsey A. Perry, Auditor General

May 14, 2026

Sent via email

Governing Board
Red Mesa Unified School District
HC 61 Box 40
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Dear Members of the Board:

We previously notified you that Red Mesa Unified School District (District) had not complied 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) prepared by an independent certified public accounting firm.

We have since reviewed the District's FY 2026 records and procedures as of March 2026 and received the District's FY 2025 financial audit reports and Questionnaire. 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. However, as noted in our May 14, 2026, email and May 7 and May 11, 2026, discussions with District management, the District continues to have some outstanding deficiencies, including 9 items that have not been corrected, 7 items that have been partially corrected, and 1 new additional deficiency.

Please be advised the District must act to correct the outstanding deficiencies and the new deficiencies noted in its FY 2025 financial audit reports and Questionnaire, and its future audit reports must reflect that these deficiencies have been corrected. The information technology area contains the most significant deficiencies, risking the accuracy, reliability, and security of District data.

Thank you for the assistance and cooperation that your administrators and staff provided during our review. If you have questions concerning this matter, please call Chris Votroubek, Accountability Services Division Manager, or me at asd@azauditor.gov or (602) 977-2796.

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Sincerely,

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