



ARIZONA AUDITOR GENERAL

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Sent via email

Arizona State Board of Education
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Subject: Valentine Elementary School District—Still in Noncompliance with the USFR

Dear Members of the State Board of Education:

In accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §15-271, we are notifying you that Valentine 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) 2025 financial audit reports and USFR Compliance Questionnaire (Questionnaire) and our August 2025 performance audit followup report. Accordingly, we request that the Arizona State Board of Education (State Board) take appropriate action as prescribed in A.R.S. §15-272. As required, we are providing you with a list of the most significant USFR deficiencies we noted in those reports, including not preparing a capital assets listing or a compensated absences listing, which was the basis for the District auditor's qualified opinion on the District's FY 2025 governmental activities.

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

- August 2025—We notified the District that it had not complied with the USFR based on our review of its FY 2024 financial audit reports and USFR Compliance Questionnaire (Questionnaire) and our August 2025 performance audit followup report. The District had 90 days to correct its deficiencies, but it did not do so.
- December 2025—We notified the State Board that the District was not ready for a status review to determine if it was no longer in noncompliance with the USFR based on assertions in its submitted November 2025 corrective action plan and discussions with District management and requested the State Board to take action as prescribed in A.R.S. §15-272.

- June 2026—The State Board held a hearing and directed the Superintendent of Public Instruction to withhold 3% of the District's State aid in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes §15-272(B).

Finally, we will continue to assist the District as it works to correct its internal control deficiencies. For example, we provided the District with an updated corrective action plan template to document corrective actions taken to comply with the USFR, and have scheduled 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, it should notify my Office and we 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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Auditor General

Enclosure: List of Deficiencies

cc: Governing Board

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