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The Honorable Roberta L. Voss, Chair
Joint Legislative Audit Committee

The Honorable Ken Bennett, Vice Chair
Joint Legislative Audit Committee

Dear Representative Voss and Senator Bennett:

Our Office has recently completed a 12-month followup of the Arizona Department of Education—Early Childhood Block Grant Program regarding the implementation status of the 3 evaluation recommendations (including sub-parts of the recommendations) presented in the evaluation released in September 2001 (Auditor General Report No. 01-19). As the attached grid indicates:

- 3 of the 3 recommendations have been implemented.

Since all of the audit recommendations have been implemented, and unless otherwise directed by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, this report concludes our follow-up work on the Department of Education—Early Childhood Block Grant Program.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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FINDING I: Monies Have Been Consistently Used for Both Instruction and Preschool

Recommendation	Status of Implementing Recommendation	Explanation for Recommendations That Have Not Been Implemented
This finding contains no recommendations		

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FINDING II: Department Should Continue Efforts To Reduce Unspent Monies

Recommendation	Status of Implementing Recommendation	Explanation for Recommendations That Have Not Been Implemented
1. The Department should continue to provide all grantees with reminders about spending and the amendment process, and to encourage communication between business and grant offices.	Implemented at 6 months	
2. The Department should work with those grantees who return large amounts of money to reduce the amount of money that they return.	Implemented at 12 months	

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FINDING III: Department Should Continue To Develop Eligibility and Notification Policies

Recommendation	Status of Implementing Recommendation	Explanation for Recommendations That Have Not Been Implemented
1. The Department should continue to develop policies for monitoring compliance with legislative requirements. The policies should require grantees to keep eligibility documents on file and define the acceptable types of documents. They should also define acceptable ways to notify private and federal providers about the grant.	Implemented at 6 months	