

Quartzsite Elementary School District

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Audit purpose

To assess the District's spending on administration, plant operations and maintenance, food service, and transportation and its compliance with certain State requirements.

Key findings

- District continued to operate 2 schools even though 1 posed significant safety concerns to students and staff and the other was large enough to serve all students.
- District is not meeting requirements of State-mandated school implementation program designed to improve student achievement, resulting in more than \$200,000 in federal monies being withheld.

Key recommendations

The District should:

- Evaluate excess building space at its schools and determine and implement ways to reduce it, including considering whether to consolidate all students to 1 campus.
- Ensure that any Quartzsite Elementary School District buildings are safe before allowing any students or staff in them.
- Work with the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) to develop and implement past due Integrated Action Plans (IAPs) to improve its instructional program and students' academic achievement.
- Ensure it performs the required comprehensive needs assessment and develops and submits any future required IAPs during the time frame specified by ADE and, once approved, implement all action steps.