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Arizona State Board of Education  
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Executive Tower Suite #300  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

**Subject: Gila Bend Unified School District—Not in Compliance with the USFR**

Dear Members of the Board:

We previously notified Gila Bend Unified School District that it had not complied with the *Uniform System of Financial Records for Arizona School Districts* (USFR) based on our review of the District's audit reports and USFR Compliance Questionnaire for the year ended June 30, 2019. The District was given 90 days to correct its deficiencies.

In June 2021, the District provided the required corrective action plan for our review. Based on assertions in the District's corrective action plan and discussions with District management, we determined that the District still had not made adequate progress in correcting the deficiencies to allow it to substantially comply with the USFR. Therefore, we request that the Arizona State Board of Education take appropriate action as prescribed by Arizona Revised Statutes §15-272.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please call Cris Cable, Director, or Meghan Hieger, Manager, within our Accountability Services Division at (602) 977-2796.

Sincerely,

*Lindsey A. Perry*

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Auditor General

cc: Governing Board  
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