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February 20, 2025

The Honorable Kimberly Yee  
Arizona State Treasurer  
Office of the Arizona State Treasurer  
1700 W. Washington St., #102  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Subject: Gila County Provisional Community College District exceeded fiscal year 2023 expenditure limitation

Dear Treasurer Yee:

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §41-1279.07(I), I am notifying you that Gila County Provisional Community College District (District) exceeded, without authorization, the budgeted expenditure limitation prescribed by Article IX, §21, of the Arizona Constitution. The District exceeded its expenditure limitation for the year ended June 30, 2023, by \$1,478,538.

The District reported in its Annual Budgeted Expenditure Limitation Report (ABELR) that it exceeded its expenditure limitation, and its Chief Fiscal Officer certified the accuracy of the ABELR. A copy of the District's ABELR for the year ended June 30, 2023, is enclosed. Please see the ABELR Part I. No hearing was requested or held because the overexpenditure was not contested.

According to A.R.S. §41-1279.07 (H) and (I) and Laws 2022, Ch. 367, §1, the State Treasurer is required to withhold a portion of the District's allocation of State aid in the fiscal year following the date of this letter. The amount withheld should be an amount equal to 5 times the excess expenditures or one-third of the allocation of State aid, whichever is less, and subject to a cap equal to 1 percent of the District's budget.

Sincerely,

*Lindsey A. Perry*

Lindsey A. Perry, CPA, CFE  
Auditor General

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cc: Governing Board  
Ms. Janice Lawhorn, Interim President  
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Mr. Anthony Contente-Cuomo, Attorney for Gila County Provisional Community College  
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February 18, 2025

Dr. Janet Brocker  
President of the Governing Board  
Gila County Provisional Community College District  
8274 S. Six Shooter Canyon Rd.  
Globe, AZ 85501

Subject: Fiscal year 2023 ABELR overexpenditure

Dear President Brocker:

Our Office received Gila County Provisional Community College District's (District) Annual Budgeted Expenditure Limitation Report (ABELR) for the year ended June 30, 2023, and reviewed it for compliance with the Uniform Expenditure Reporting System. The report indicated that the District had exceeded its expenditure limitation by \$1,478,538.

Because the District reported that it exceeded its expenditure limitation and its Chief Fiscal Officer certified the accuracy of the ABELR, we will not hold a hearing related to the District's overexpenditure in accordance with A.R.S. §41-1279.07(I), unless the District requests a hearing to contest the overexpenditure.

If the District wishes to request a hearing, please notify me in writing via email at [mhieger@azauditor.gov](mailto:mhieger@azauditor.gov) by 5:00 P.M. on February 24, 2025. If no request for a hearing is received by this deadline, we will notify the State Treasurer to withhold an amount equal to 5 times the excess expenditures or one-third of the allocation of State aid, whichever is less, and subject to a cap equal to 1 percent of the District's budget, as prescribed by A.R.S. §§41-1279.07(H) and (I) and Laws 2022, Ch. 367, §1. The amount will be withheld in the fiscal year following the date of this letter, if the District receives State aid in that year.

If you have questions, please call me at (602) 553-0333.

Sincerely,

*Meghan L. Hieger*

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Director, Accountability Services Division

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