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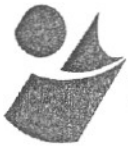
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Subject: State Spanish Spelling Bee Winner

I'm pleased to announce that **Leslie Ortega**, an 8th grader from Gadsden Middle School, won second place at the state Spanish Spelling Bee at the New Mexico Association of Bilingual Education (NMABE) conference in Albuquerque. Leslie is a very intelligent bilingual student who breezed through words such as: filántropo, husmear, fluorescencia, delicuescencia, and jingoísmo. She brought home a beautiful trophy and a tremendous honor for the Gadsden School District.

¡Felicidades Leslie!

Congratulations also go to Mrs. Maria Hernández and Mr. Felipe Ávila for your sponsorship of Leslie. ¡Arriba los maestros de Gadsden!

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New Mexico Council of the International Reading Association

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*Recipient, IRA Award of Excellence 2002
Student Membership Award 2002*

April 23, 2005

Genevieve Chavez
Asst. Principal
Santa Teresa High School
100 Airport Road
Santa Teresa, N.M. 88008

Dear Ms. Chavez;

It was such a pleasure to meet you in Gallup at the NMIRA State Conference. Your hard work and dedication to improving education in New Mexico has been recognized in a variety of ways, and I am pleased to give you further assistance in your literacy programs at St. Teresa High School.

The New Mexico State Reading Council has awarded your school its annual Classroom Literacy Grant in the amount of \$100.00. You have many programs in progress stressing literacy so please use this money where there is the greatest need. NMIRA usually gives this grant to a classroom teacher, but we feel you will make the best judgment for the use of the funds. We like to encourage teachers to try new approaches or materials in the classroom and this small grant was set up to perpetuate that process. We do make exceptions in our grant requirements when it is apparent there are other needs.

Thank you for your efforts in promoting student literacy in St. Teresa High School. You are making a difference.

Very truly Yours,

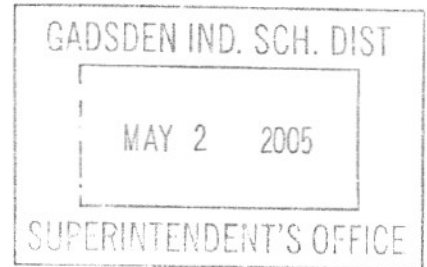
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Literacy Changes Lives

United States Senate

April 12, 2005



Mr. Ron Haugen
Superintendent
Gadsden Independent Schools
1325 West Washington Street
P.O. Drawer 70
Anthony, New Mexico 88021

Dear Ron:

I would like to thank you for taking time to meet with me recently. I thoroughly enjoyed learning about the progress of the Gadsden Bridge program and meeting with the students. The model at Gadsden should be replicated throughout that state. In focusing education and training on skills relevant to regional employers, and directly involving employers in the training process, both the education and the economic development opportunities are strengthened. The partnerships involved in the Gadsden model are ideal, forward-looking, and carry many ideas in current education policy into tangible reality. The education, training, and employment partners are each equally vital to the program's success and I greatly appreciate your enthusiasm and dedication to improving the lives of our children. I look forward to hearing about the results of the program as it continues.

It is obvious that much hard work has gone into formulating the program, setting it up, and getting it going. I hope to see it expanded and strengthened with time. I was happy to secure an earmark for the first year of the program, and I will continue to support this program through the policy work we discussed at the meeting, and in seeking future funding.

Again, thank you for your hard work and commitment to New Mexico. I commend you on this innovative program that will help our students become productive and engaged members of society. If I can be helpful to you in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-224-5521.

Sincerely,

Jeff Bingaman
United States Senator

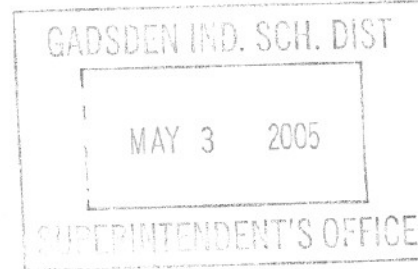
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Dona Ana County Teen Court

2251 Calle De Santiago
P.O. Drawer W
Mesilla, NM 88046

April 20, 2005

Mr. Foster,
Principal, Gadsden High School
6301 Hwy 28
Anthony, NM 88021



Dear Mr. Foster:

I would like to take the opportunity to praise your staff, particularly Ms. Armendariz, Ms. Flores, Ms. Rojas, Ms. Runyan, Ms. Marquez, Mr. Contaldo, Mr. Metcalf, and Mr. Chavez, for the excellent job they performed, their hard work and sincere interest in our youth is invigorating. I have been a part of the "Every 15 Minutes" program since it's inception and have had the pleasure of coordinating eight of the last nine programs. The coordination required of the school is very taxing; identifying the students to be involved, scheduling teen and parent meetings, obtaining all of the paperwork for student participation including permission slips, logistics of pulling students from classes based on their schedules, identifying the time for the crash scene and assembly, coordinating the color guard and buglers for the assembly, coordinating the student helpers for both days, identifying the "holding room" for the "living dead teens" and meeting room for the planning committee, planning and coordinating the set-up for the students at the crash scene, etc. Your staff did an exemplary job!

The program was a tremendous undertaking, which could not possibly have taken place without their help. We sincerely appreciate everything that they did to ensure the programs success. Individuals of this caliber are hard to find, their dedication and support are second to none. They serve as excellent role models and a great inspiration to your students. You should be not only proud but also honored to have them working for you.

Sincerely,

Antonia Hernandez,
DACTC Director

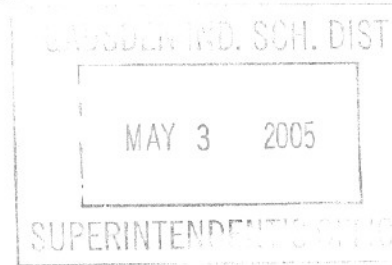
cc: Ms. Armendariz, Ms. Flores, Ms. Rojas, Ms. Runyan, Ms. Marquez, Mr. Contaldo, Mr. Metcalf, and Mr. Chavez, GHS Staff
Mr. Ron Haugen, GISD Superintendent

Dona Ana County Teen Court

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April 26, 2005

Mr. Ron Haugen,
School Superintendent, Gadsden Independent School District
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re: "Every 15 Minutes" Program

Dear Mr. Haugen:

I would like to take the opportunity to praise your staff, particularly Mr. Ed Saenz, Ms. Irene Herrera, Mr. Demetrios Giovas, Mr. Alfredo Holguin, and Mr. Mike Munoz, for the excellent job they performed, their hard work and dedication are to be commended!

The planning process for the "Every 15 Minutes" program is a tremendous undertaking. The coordination required of the school is very taxing, every detail critical to the programs success. We sincerely appreciate everything that they did to ensure the programs success.

Sincerely,

Antonia Hernandez,
DACTC Director
"Every 15 Minutes" Coordinator

cc: Mr. Ed Saenz, Ms. Irene Herrera, Mr. Demetrios Giovas, Mr. Alfredo Holguin, Mr. Mike Munoz,
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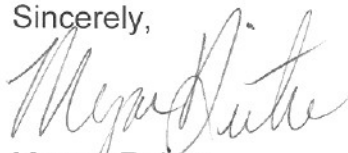
March 11, 2005

Dear Mr. Gonzales,

Enclosed, please find a plaque and a 2004 engraved plate recognizing your commitment to 100% staff enrollment in the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE). This award is a symbol of your school's professional dedication to ACTE.

We appreciate your support and dedication in making career and technical education your number one priority and look forward to presenting this award to Gadsden School District again next year.

Sincerely,



Megan Reiter
Media Relations Manager