

NEW MEXICO HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
NM GEAR UP



2008-2009 NM GEAR UP AWARD LETTER
FOR GADSDEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

GADSDEN IND. SCH. DIST.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

September 4, 2008

Cynthia Nava, Superintendent
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Dear Senator Nava:

The New Mexico Higher Education Department is pleased to announce that the U.S. Department of Education has awarded continuation funding for the New Mexico *Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs* (NM GEAR UP). The purpose of the grant is to increase the number of low-income students who graduate from high school prepared to succeed in college.

This letter confirms that the Gadsden ISD will receive \$260,734 to implement NM GEAR UP activities at Chaparral (\$59,620), Gadsden (\$111,893) and Santa Teresa (\$89,221) High Schools during the 2008-2009 school year. Before spending, a school budget plan must be submitted to NM GEAR UP for approval by the U.S. Department of Education. The steps outlined below to begin the approval process.

- Present this letter to your School Board for approval
- Prepare a Budget Adjustment Request and submit to the New Mexico Public Education Department
- Complete the Budget Plan by September 8, 2008 (High School Site Team)
- Submit the Budget Plan by email to LaVerne Ellerbe, NM GEAR UP State Coordinator for approval, laverne.ellerbe@state.nm.us.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact LaVerne Ellerbe at 505-476-6551. Your local Regional Coordinator will be named by September 30, 2008. Notification of budget approval will be sent to you by email. Upon receipt, the school district may proceed to spend the funds.

Thank you for your work with NM GEAR UP,

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cc: James Diggs, Principal, Chaparral High School, George Foster, Principal, Gadsden High School and James Kelch, Principal, Santa Teresa High School

Attachments: 2008-2009 Budget Plan
Budget and Reporting Requirements



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