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Ms. Cynthia Nava
Superintendent
Gadsden Independent Schools
P.O. Drawer 70
Anthony, NM 88021

Dear Ms: Nava,

As a result of the 2008 Legislative Session, there was a special appropriation of \$150,000.00 for the Outdoor Classroom Initiative. The Rural Education Bureau received \$24,000.00 of that amount to be awarded to rural school districts for Outdoor Classroom Initiative projects (DFA fund 79000; department Z6125). Determination of these awards was in line with a Request for Interest sent to those school districts within the federal definition for school districts designated as *rural* or participate in the New Mexico Rural Revitalization Initiative under the Rural Education Bureau.

This letter is to inform you that your school district (for Anthony Elementary School) has received an award in the amount of \$1,000.00. As outlined in the document, *Making Schools Work Outdoors*, in response to Senate Joint Memorial 24, the funds must be used for the following:

1. Curriculum-based or service-learning outdoor educational programming and projects
2. Transportation of students to outdoor education sites
3. Professional development for teachers and/or staff

Funding under this award must be used as specified by legislation and allowable under the application submitted and approved through the Rural Education Bureau.

These funds will be reimbursed and must be expended by June 30, 2009.

Please submit a Budget Adjustment Request (BAR) referencing fund code 27504 and revenue code 43202.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this allocation, please feel free to contact Donna Grein at 505-827-6565 or donna.grein@state.nm.us.

Truly,

Veronica C. García, Ed.D.
Secretary of Education

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