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August 1, 2011

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

Dear Superintendent Nava:

In accordance with legislative language in SB 144, Gadsden Independent Schools has been awarded \$135,696.60 for the purpose of funding the Elementary Breakfast Program. In the following elementary schools funding is as follows:

Elementary School	Amount
Anthony Elementary School	\$3,612.60
Berino Elementary School	\$10,486.80
Chaparral Elementary School	\$18,570.60
Desert Trail Elementary School	\$28,852.20
Desert View Elementary School	\$2,019.60
Gadsden Elementary School	\$3,677.40
Loma Linda Elementary School	\$2,511.00
Mesquite Elementary School	\$9,779.40
North Valley Elementary School (San Miguel Elem.)	\$11,799.00
Riverside Elementary School	\$3,132.00
Sundland Park Elementary School	\$8,067.60
Sunrise Elementary School	\$15,881.40
Vado Elementary School	\$17,307.00

Funding under this award must be used as specified by legislation and approved through the Student Nutrition Bureau. The funded amount indicated above correlates to the **federal per-meal reimbursement rates recently released by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the 2011-2012 SY. In addition, for elementary schools that are operating on a four (4) day school week, awards will be adjusted accordingly.** The Elementary Breakfast Program Funds are allocated on a request for reimbursement basis submitted through the Public Education Department (PED) Operating Budget Management System (OBMS); and on a per

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meal USDA reimbursement rate supported by a documented spreadsheet that will be attached to all requests for reimbursement (directions forthcoming).

In order to budget these funds, please:

1. Fill out the attached assurance form and fax or email a signed copy to Ms. Jasmin Hendrickson at jasmin.hendrickson@state.nm.us or fax 505-827-1815.
2. Submit an electronic Budget Adjustment Request (BAR) utilizing the PED OBMS website. The Flowthrough BAR Process is located on the PED website at www.ped.state.nm.us. Please submit an electronic BAR in the amount of \$135,696.60 utilizing 27155 (Fund Code) and 43202 (Revenue Code).
3. If you have any questions, I encourage you to work with your school district finance person who has been notified of the new process.

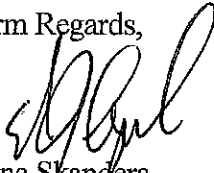
Please note: SB 144 requires that elementary schools in which 85% or more of enrolled students are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch under the National School Lunch Act of 1946 during the prior school year and/or elementary schools that receive state funds for the elementary breakfast program must:

1. Provide breakfast after the bell unless a waiver is granted by the Public Education Department; and
2. Ensure that instruction is occurring simultaneously while breakfast is being served.

Schools applying for a waiver will not be eligible for state funding for the Elementary Breakfast Program. If you wish to apply for a waiver please contact Leighann Lenti at leighann.lenti@state.nm.us.

Please feel free to contact Ms. Jasmin Hendrickson at jasmin.hendrickson@state.nm.us or (505) 827-3507 should you have any questions. The contact person in the Fiscal Flowthrough Bureau of the Public Education Department who will be working with you is Ms. Susan Lucero. She can be reached at susan.lucero@state.nm.us or (505) 827-3848, if you need further information on the financial procedures.

Warm Regards,



Hanna Skandera
Secretary of Education

Attachment: Assurance Form

cc: Awarded Elementary School(s), Principal(s)

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