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Mr. Efren Yturalde
Superintendent
Gadsden Independent Schools
P.O. Box 70
Anthony, New Mexico 88021

Dear Superintendent Yturalde:

The review process for the Puente para los Niño's Application submitted by Gadsden Independent Schools has been completed by the New Mexico Public Education Department, Special Education Bureau (SEB), the Puente para los Niño's Committee, and has been approved for FY 2011-2012. The Gadsden Independent Schools has been awarded \$45,120.00.

Funding utilized under this award must be consistent with the applicable provisions of IDEA-B and the New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC). By accepting the award, the Local Education Agency (LEA) assures the following:

- The student has been evaluated in accordance with NMAC 6.31.2.10 (C,D, or E);
- The student is qualified for special education and/or related services in accordance with NMAC 6.31.2.10 (F);
- The student has a properly constituted and up-to-date Individual Education Program (IEP) in accordance with (NMAC) 6.31.2.11 (B);
- The student's placement has been determined by the IEP team in accordance with NMAC 6.31.2.11 (C);
- The student's placement has been in the least Restrictive Environment (LRE) in accordance with NMAC 6.31.2.11 (C); and,
- The LEA agrees to pay at least 25% of the cost to educate a student with high needs per school year, with the exception of small LEAs as defined in Section B of the Puente Para Los Niño's guidelines.

In order to receive this award, you must submit an electronic Budget Adjustment Request (BAR) utilizing the New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) Operating Budget Management System

(OBMS). The OBMS can be accessed via www.ped.state.nm.us. Information on the Flow-through BAR process is also located on the NMPED website. When submitting the district's electronic BAR, please use fund code **24120** and revenue code **44500**. The district will be reimbursed for expenditures already incurred, provided a Request for Reimbursement (RFR) is submitted in OBMS by **no later than June 30, 2012.**

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

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Thank you for your cooperation in completing the application in a timely manner. The SEB looks forward to working with the district to improve the education and related services New Mexico students receive.

Sincerely,



Hanna Skandera
Secretary of Education

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cc: Mr. Paul Aguilar, Deputy Secretary of Finance Operations, NM Public Education Department
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