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August 8, 2012

Efren Yturralde, Superintendant
 Gadsden Independent School District
 P.O. Drawer 70
 Anthony, NM 88021

Dear Mr. Yturralde:

Governor Susana Martinez and Secretary-Designate of Education Hanna Skandera are committed to partnering to ensure students are ready for success and are establishing strong fiscal and academic accountability to yield a smarter return on taxpayers' investment in education. The New Mexico Public Education Department (PED), Student Nutrition Bureau is pleased to inform you that one or more of your schools has been selected to participate in the Fresh Fruit Vegetable Program (FFVP), through the Food Conservation and Energy Act of 2008, for SY 2012- 2013. Please take note of the following federal grant information specific to the award you are receiving through PED.

CFDA: <<10.582 Child Nutrition Grants to State>>
 Award Name: << Child Nutrition Grants to State Fruit and Veg (O)>>
 Grant Award No.: << 12116NM375L1603>>
 Award Amount :<<\$427,214.64>>>>
 Federal Funding Agency: <<USDA Food and Nutrition Service>>
<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/FFVP/handbook.pdf>
 Compliance Requirements: OMB A-87
http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars_default

The total allocation for FFVP is divided into two obligation and expenditure periods:

1. The first allocation is to be obligated and expended during July 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012.
2. The second allocation is to be obligated and expended during October 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

The funds allocated for each period are specific to expenditures for that period only. Funds awarded within the first period's allocation are to be obligated and expended for that period only; they **cannot** be carried over. The July 2012 allocation **must** be obligated by September 30, 2012. Funds awarded within the second allocation must be expended by the grant period ending June 30, 2013.

Use of Funds

Funds are to be used primarily to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables to be made available at no charge at a minimum of twice a week. Funds must follow the basic guidelines of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-87 and must be necessary and reasonable. A school may use up to 10% of the funds for administrative costs or indirect cost in accordance with OMB A-87. Please note that labor costs associated with preparing and distributing the fruits and vegetables are not considered administrative costs. Labor costs should be shown as operating costs which must be reasonable and necessary in accordance with OMB A-87. The program should be structured so that the maximum benefits go to students.

The following table indicates the selected schools and the fund allocations:

| Gadsden Independent School District | July 1, 2012 -Sept. 30, 2012 | Oct. 1, 2012- June 30, 2013 |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Schools | | |
| Anthony Elementary | \$3,835.21 | \$21,732.83 |
| Berino Elementary | \$4,521.15 | \$25,619.85 |
| Chaparral Elementary | \$5,760.45 | \$32,642.55 |
| Desert Trail Elementary | \$6,227.10 | \$35,286.90 |
| Desert View Elementary | \$4,794.12 | \$27,166.68 |
| Gadsden Elementary | \$4,732.40 | \$26,816.92 |
| La Union Elementary | \$2,042.55 | \$11,574.45 |
| Loma Linda Elementary | \$4,248.62 | \$24,075.50 |
| Mesquite Elementary | \$2,945.25 | \$16,689.75 |
| North Valley | \$3,281.85 | \$18,597.15 |
| Riverside Elementary | \$6,148.70 | \$34,842.66 |
| Santa Teresa Elementary | \$4,811.85 | \$27,267.15 |
| Sunland Park Elementary | \$2,968.20 | \$16,819.80 |
| Sunrise Elementary | \$4,131.00 | \$23,409.00 |
| Vado Elementary | \$3,633.75 | \$20,591.25 |
| Total Allocation | \$64,082.20 | \$363,132.44 |

Expectations of Participating Schools

1. Publicize the availability of free fresh fruits and vegetables to the student body a minimum of twice a week.
2. Begin the program at the beginning of the new school year.
3. Make fresh fruits and vegetables available to all elementary students throughout the school day as a supplement to (and not part of) the school breakfast and school lunch programs.
4. Provide nutrition education activities related to benefits of having fresh fruits and vegetables as snacks.
5. Submit a monthly claim for reimbursement.

In addition, the following resources will assist your school with ways to implement nutrition education and activities to promote the FFVP. Should you have any questions, please contact Andrea Segura at (505) 827-1448 or the Student Nutrition Bureau at (505) 827-1821.

| Program | Contact Information |
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| Team Nutrition Fruit and Vegetable Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs (new rules) | USDA Team Nutrition – Ph: (703) 305-1624 http://www.teamnutrition.usda.gov/resources/foodbuyingguide.html |
| Healthier US School Challenge | http://www.fns.usda.gov/in/healthierus/index.html |
| Fruit & Veggies- More Matters | http://www.fruitsandveggiesmorematters.org/ |
| Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Handbook, Appendix A | http://www.ped.state.nm.us/nutrition/index.html |

We congratulate you on taking part in the FFVP as another way to help your students develop lifelong, healthier eating habits.

Best regards,


Hipolito "Paul" Aguilar
Deputy Secretary, Finance and Operations

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cc: Hanna Skandera, Secretary-Designate of Education
Denise Koscielniak, Director of Federal Programs
Susan Lucero, Manager, Fiscal Grants Management
Regina Madrid, Student Nutrition Bureau Director