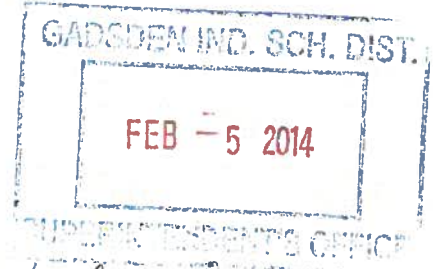




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January 28, 2014

Mr. Efren Yturralde, Superintendent
 Gadsden Independent Schools
 P.O. Drawer 70
 Anthony, NM 88021

Dear Superintendent Yturralde:

On November 1, 2013, the Public Education Department (PED) announced that funding in the amount of \$5.2M became available to remediate deficiencies in computer devices compliant with the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessment requirements. Eligibility of funding is based on a local education agency's (LEA) completion of the following requirements:

- Technology Readiness Tool (TRT): <https://www.techreadiness.net/>
- School Speed Test (SST): <http://www.schoolspeedtest.org/>
- Project 24 Self-Assessment: <http://plan4progress.org/tool/self-assessment/>

LEAs were informed of these requirements on August 15, 2013, in a "New Mexico Technology Footprint Release in Preparation for SBA and PARCC Computer Based Testing" memorandum. Districts were asked to submit data between August 15th and September 30th. The PED extended the window for data collection through October 4, 2013.

The data review process for PARCC Technology Readiness device funding has been completed. Gadsden Independent Schools has met all three requirements, and is awarded \$299,454.00. This award has been calculated on the basis of how many tested students and how many test-ready computers each school has. An additional 20% has been added for any schools participating in Computer Based Testing (CBT) for the PARCC field test and/or the NM Standards Based Assessment (SBA) in the spring of 2014.

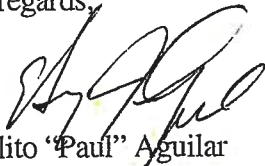
Awards are allocated upon meeting device specifications as listed on the **TECHNOLOGY GUIDELINES FOR PARCC ASSESSMENTS VERSION 3.0 - September 2013 Update** (see <http://www.parcconline.org/technology>). Requests for reimbursement (RfR) are based upon devices meeting specifications which are purchased on or after July 1, 2013. Submission of an RfR requires the following supporting documentation to be included as separate attachments:

- a) Invoices for devices meeting specifications which are to include: date of purchase, device type, quantity, and cost
- b) General ledger expenditure report

These funds are on a reimbursement basis and must be requested using the Request for Reimbursement process. In order to budget these funds, please submit for approval an electronic Budget Adjustment Request (BAR) in the amount of \$299,454.00 using the PED's Operating Budget Management System (OBMS). The **Fund Code is 27185** and the **Revenue Code is 43202**.

Please feel free to contact Ms. Lynn Vasquez, PARCC Assessment Director, at (505) 827-6702 or at lynn.vasquez@state.nm.us, should you have questions with regard to this award. The contact person in the Fiscal Grants Management Bureau of the PED is Ms. Susan Lucero. She can be reached at (505) 827-3848 or at susan.lucero@state.nm.us.

Best regards,



Hipolito "Paul" Aguilar
Deputy Secretary, Finance and Operations

Enc. (1): New Mexico Technology Footprint Release in Preparation for SBA
Memorandum dated August 15, 2013

cc: Leighann Lenti, Deputy Secretary, Program and Policy
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