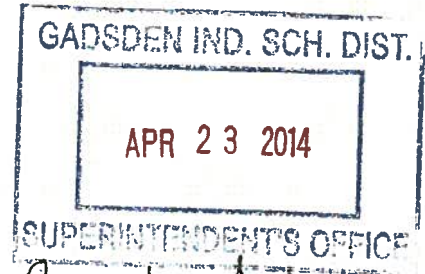


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April 15, 2014

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



Dear Superintendent Yturralde:

The Public Education Department (PED) has reviewed and approved the Gadsden Independent Schools' FY14 June application for the K-3 Plus extended school year program. The awarded amount is **\$522,704.97** which is based on the District/Charter Budget cover sheet submitted as part of the application for the schools listed below:

Anthony Elementary	Santa Teresa Elementary
Berino Elementary	Sunland Park Elementary
Chaparral Elementary	Sunrise Elementary
Desert Trails Elementary	Vado Elementary
Desert View Elementary	
Gadsden Elementary	
La Union Elementary	
Loma Linda Elementary	
Mesquite Elementary	
North Valley Elementary	
Riverside Elementary	

Please note that fiscal regulations prohibit the use of state funds for food. Any budgetary items considered unallowable will not be funded or reimbursed within the K-3 Plus District/Charter application.

The K-3 Plus program provides funding for additional educational time for students in kindergarten through third grade with at least 25 instructional days, beginning up to two months earlier than the regular school year. K-3 Plus programming for students with disabilities should be paid for by K-3 Plus funds. Additional services as required by the Individual Education Plan

(IEP) can be paid for by the district's special education budget. It is important to note that school districts must meet the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirements at 34 CFR § 300.203, of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) regulations. The expenditure levels for special education and related services must be maintained or must exceed the previous year, unless a district has allowable exceptions under 34 CFR § 300.204. School districts can only use IDEA funds for the excess cost of providing special education and related services for students with disabilities.

Funding under this award must be used as specified by legislation. All expenditures must be in accordance with fiscal regulations and your approved application through the Literacy and Early Childhood Bureau of the Public Education Department. Final funding will be based on the number of students enrolled on the fifteenth day and who have been in attendance for at least ten (10) days of the K-3 plus program as reported in STARS.

In order to budget these funds, please submit an electronic FY14 Budget Adjustment Request (BAR) through the Operating Business Management System (OBMS) for **\$522,704.97** no later than **June 2, 2014**. Use **Fund Code 27166 and Revenue Code 43202**. The flow-through BAR process is located at <http://ped.state.nm.us/PED/Fiscal/GrantsMgmtIndex.html>.

These funds are provided on a reimbursement basis only, must be requested using OBMS Requests for Reimbursement (RfR) and must be accompanied by an expenditure report which supports the claim. The K-3 Plus award must be expended by **June 30, 2014**. Carryover is not allowed. Therefore, it is critical that the district liquidate its K-3 Plus program funds by June 30, 2014. All RfRs must be submitted on or before **July 7, 2014**.

If you have questions regarding your K-3 Plus grant award, please contact Bernadette Maes, K-3 Plus Program Manager, at (505) 827-6534 or at bernadette.maes@state.nm.us. To reach the Fiscal Grants Management Bureau, please contact Susan Lucero at (505) 827-3848 or susan.lucero@state.nm.us.

Best regards,



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Deputy Secretary, Finance and Operations

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