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May 20, 2014

Mr. Efren Yturralde, Superintendent Gadsden Independent Schools PO Box 70 Anthony, NM 88021

Dear Mr. Yturralde:

The Public Education Department (PED) performed calculations to determine Advanced Placement (AP) teachers' ability to increase the proportion of their students receiving college credit in their AP courses. Based upon this calculation, Gadsden Independent Schools will be awarded \$25,000.00 to fund 5 stipend(s) for FY14.

The funding under this award must be used as specified by legislation to provide stipends to teachers that increase the proportion of their students receiving college credit for their courses through their AP test scores. AP stipends are \$5,000.00 per teacher and may only be awarded to teachers that have met the award criteria. Stipends are supplemental wages and are therefore subject to tax withholding according to Employer's Tax Guide, Publication No. 15 (2014) Section 7, published by the Internal Revenue Service (http://www.irs.gov/publications/p15/ar02.html#en US 2014 publink1000202352).

Below are the names of teachers with approved applications for the stipend:

Carol Hardy

Luis Villalobos

Alicia Stevens

Manuel Mendoza

Angelica Morales

These funds are on a reimbursement basis and must be requested using the Request for Reimbursement (RfR) process. Districts will need to submit the following documentation with the RfR for reimbursement of the Stipends for High School Teachers of Advanced Placement Courses.

Expenditures may be incurred after final budget authority is approved by the PED. The funding through this initiative is to be used for teacher stipends and are not to be included in the teacher's **Advanced Placement Stipends** May 20, 2014 Page 2 of 2

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regular salary; it is in addition to their regular salary. These stipends are to be \$5,000.00 per teacher and are subject to tax withholding.

In order to budget these funds, please submit, for approval, an electronic Budget Adjustment Request (BAR) in the amount of \$25,000.00 using the PED's Operating Budget Management System (OBMS). The Fund Code is 27122 and the Revenue Code is 43202. This award must be expended by June 30, 2014. The final date for RfR submission is July 7, 2014.

If you have questions, please contact Matthew Pahl, Policy Director, at (505) 827-8068 or matt.pahl@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,

Hipolito "Paul" Aguilar

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