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April 15, 2015

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

RE: K-3 Plus FY15 Award

Dear Superintendent Yturralde:

The Public Education Department (PED) has reviewed and approved the Gadsden Independent Schools' FY15 June application for the K-3 Plus extended school year program. The awarded amount is **\$544,699.52** which is based on projected enrollment, previous years' enrollment trends, and available funding. Below is the list of schools funded for the K-3 Plus summer programs:

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| Anthony Elementary |
| Berino Elementary |
| Chaparral Elementary |
| Desert Trail Elementary |
| Desert View Elementary |
| Gadsden Elementary |
| Loma Linda Elementary |
| La Union Elementary |

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| Mesquite Elementary |
| North Valley Elementary |
| Riverside Elementary |
| Santa Teresa Elementary |
| Sunland Park Elementary |
| Sunrise Elementary |
| Vado Elementary |

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 the approved application through the Literacy and Early Childhood Bureau of the Public Education Department. Any budgetary items considered unallowable will not be funded or reimbursed within the K-3 Plus District/Charter application. 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 FY15 Budget Adjustment Request (BAR) through the Operating Business Management System (OBMS) for \$544,699.52 no later than **June 1, 2015**. Use **Fund Code 27166** and **Revenue Code 43202**. The flow-through BAR process is located on the PED website at <http://ped.state.nm.us/PED/Fiscal/GrantsMgmtIndex.html>.

These funds are provided on a reimbursement basis only using OBMS Requests for Reimbursement (RfR) and must be accompanied by an expenditure report with supporting documentation which supports the claim. The FY15 K-3 Plus award must be expended by **June 30, 2015**. Carryover is not allowed. All RfRs must be submitted on or before **July 7, 2015**.

If you have questions regarding your K-3 Plus award, please contact Joan Davidge, K-3 Plus Program Coordinator, at (505) 827-6534 or at joan.davidge@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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