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Mr. Efren Yturalde, Superintendent
 Gadsden Independent Schools
 P.O. Drawer 70
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Dear Superintendent Yturalde:

Under the U.S. Department of Education Appropriation Act for federal grant year 2015 (GY 15) affecting the state fiscal year 2015-2016 (FY15-16), the Public Education Department (PED), Special Education Bureau (SEB) has received its final allocation and is required to make adjustments to all sub-grant awards. Below is the federal grant award information specific to the award your entity is receiving:

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B (IDEA B)		
Program Title	Special Education Grants to States	Special Education Preschool Grants
CFDA #	84.027A	84.173A
Award #	H027A130078 H027A140078 H027A150078	H173A130078 H173A140078 H173A150078
Federal Funding Agency: United States Department of Education Compliance Requirements: EDGAR 34 CFR Parts (74 - 99)		
2 C.F.R. 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (For awards after December 26, 2014)		
http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title02/2cfr200_main_02.tpl		
New awards made after December 26, 2014, and incremental funding on existing awards after that date are subject to the Uniform Guidance		

Based on the available funding and the application submitted by Gadsden Independent Schools, FY15-16 final and FY14-15 carryover awards are listed below. Please review the current budget for Gadsden Independent Schools in the Operating Budget Management System (OBMS) and submit an electronic Budget Adjustment Request (BAR), including a copy of this letter, utilizing OBMS to make the necessary adjustments to reflect the total FY15-16 Approved Budget amount as listed below:

GRANT NAME	UCOA FUND CODE	FY 14-15 Carryover	FY 15-16 FINAL Allocation	TOTAL District Award	FY15-16 Approved Budget	Total Amount to BAR
IDEA B Entitlement	24106	\$373,844.66	\$3,183,304.00	\$3,557,148.66	\$2,782,451.00	\$774,697.66
IDEA B Preschool	24109	\$8,076.99	\$72,271.00	\$80,347.99	\$72,271.00	\$8,076.99
Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CEIS)	24112	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Private School Proportionate Share	24115	\$8,473.00	\$-	\$8,473.00	\$-	\$8,473.00
Risk Pool	24120	\$-	\$2,935.00	\$2,935.00	\$-	\$2,935.00

When submitting a BAR, please keep in mind that the amount budgeted for CEIS (Fund 24112) and Private School Proportionate Share (Fund 24115) are **not** in addition to the Final Allocation amount for IDEA B Funds 24106 and 24109. The cumulative budget for Funds 24106, 24109, 24112 and 24115 shall not exceed the *FY15-16 FINAL Allocation* amount identified for Funds 24106 and 24109. For reference, the BAR process is located on the PED website and can be accessed at: <http://ped.state.nm.us/div/fin/school.budget/OBMS.html>.

Funding under this award must be used in compliance with the applicable provisions of IDEA B, as follows:

- only to pay the excess costs of providing special education and related services to children with disabilities;
- to supplement state, local and other federal funds and not to supplant such funds; and
- not to reduce a Local Educational Agency’s (LEA) Maintenance of Effort (MOE) for the education of children with disabilities below the preceding year’s level of effort except as allowed by 34 CFR §§ 300.204 and 205 [20 U.S.C. 1413(a)(2)(A), 34 CFR § 300.202].

If you have questions regarding allowable costs, please see the Uniform Guidance from the Office of Management and Budget at: http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title02/2cfr200_main_02.tpl

Once the sub-grant for Gadsden Independent Schools is considered substantially approvable, funds cannot be transferred from one fund code to another or between function codes without submitting an amended IDEA B Application and a BAR, to include the required signatures and this award letter.

The IDEA B Application for Gadsden Independent Schools must be amended to reflect the FY15-16 Final Allocation amount. A template titled *Attachment A* has been created specifically for amending the IDEA B Application's Objectives 1 through 4. *Attachment A* can be accessed from the SEB website at: <http://ped.state.nm.us/SEB/fiscal/index.html>.

Funds can never be transferred out of the Private School's Proportionate Share (Fund 24115) or Mandatory CEIS (Fund 24112). Fund 24115 will carry over to the next year under the same fund code. Funds set aside for Mandatory CEIS (Fund 24112) must remain within this fund until all requirements are met in regards to significant disproportionality.

When submitting an electronic BAR to bring the budget authority for Gadsden Independent Schools in alignment with the FY15-16 Approved Budget amount identified in this award letter, please use the applicable fund codes identified above and **revenue code 44500**. **Please adhere to the following timelines required for obligation, liquidation and Requests for Reimbursement (RfR):**

- Submit your BAR, a copy of this letter, and Attachment A through OBMS by **April 1, 2016**.
- The FY 2014-2015 carryover amounts indicated above must be obligated by June 30, 2016 and expended by September 30, 2016.
- The last day to submit RfRs for FY 2015-16 is **July 7, 2016**.

For questions, please contact:

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Thank you for your continued cooperation in this process.

Best regards,



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