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SUSANA MARTINEZ Governor

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

RE: K-3 Plus FY17 Award

Dear Superintendent Yturralde:

The Public Education Department (PED) has reviewed and approved the Gadsden Independent Schools' FY17 June application for the K-3 Plus extended school year program. The initial awarded amount is \$472,879.57 which is based on allotted enrollment and available funding:

	Number of Students	Planning Day Amount	Amount
			(Including Planning Day)
District Total:	1,074	\$24,318.17	\$472,879.57

The final allocation noted above provides for the maximum number of students authorized for the June 2017 program.

The funding provided shall not be used by districts to add new sites in 2017 and shall not exceed the approved enrollment numbers from the award letter. If a district or charter adds other schools sites or students, the district or charter is liable for all additional costs. The PED will not reimburse districts or charters for additional students or programs.

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. If services, as required by the Individual Education Plan (IEP) exceed the available funding from the K-3 Plus award, then the district's special education federal budget should be used as a funding source to meet the IEP's requirements. 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 within the K-3 Plus District/Charter application, considered unallowable, will not be funded or reimbursed. All expenses designed to encourage student attendance in the program must have an instructional focus in order to be eligible for reimbursement.

In order to budget these funds, please submit an electronic FY17 Budget Adjustment Request (BAR) through the Operating Business Management System (OBMS) for \$472,879.57 no later than May 26, 2017. 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/GrantsMgmntIndex.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 documentation supporting the claim. The FY17 K-3 Plus award must be expended by June 30, 2017. Carryover is not allowed. All RfRs must be submitted on or before July 7, 2017.

If you have questions regarding your K-3 Plus award, please contact Michael Miller, Literacy Bureau Director, at (505) 827-6567 or <u>Michael.Miller2@state.nm.us</u>. To reach the Fiscal Grants Management Bureau, please contact Susan Lucero at (505) 827-3848 or <u>susan.lucero@state.nm.us</u>.

Best regards

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Deputy Secretary, Finance and Operations

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