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**VADO MUTUAL DOMESTIC WATER
CONSUMERS ASSOCIATION**

July 7, 2004

To: Mr. Ron Haugen-Superintendent
Gadsden Independent School District

Attention: Richard Chavez
Deputy Superintendent

Dear Sirs;

It has come to our attention that the Gadsden School District is planning to build a new elementary school in the community of Vado. We have also heard that the School District has intentions of naming this school Liberty Elementary, in part because of the Liberty Elementary School that burned down several years ago. This would be an insult to the people that live in our community. Liberty Elementary school was built in an area that was known in the past as the community of Liberty between La Mesa and Chamberino. Calling the school in our community Liberty Elementary would be tantamount to naming Mesquite Elementary, Berino Elementary.

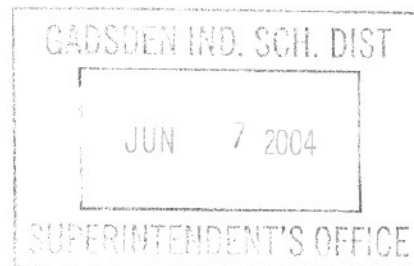
The only legally organized association in Vado is the Vado Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association which is chaired by Mr. Roosevelt Boyer. This organization and its Board represent most of the people that live in the community of Vado. This organization's board and membership, would like more of an input in issues relating to water and the naming of the Elementary school.

We do support the name of Lawrence Dunbar Elementary. But it has come to our attention that the School District has a policy of not naming schools after individuals. We request that you make an exception in this case, since the original school in Vado went by the above mentioned name. Attached to this letter is information pertaining to Mr. Lawrence Dunbar. It would honor and recognize the African-American families that have lived in this community for many years.

Respectfully,



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DR. VERONICA C. GARCÍA
SECRETARY OF EDUCATION

BILL RICHARDSON
Governor

May 20, 2004

Ron Haugen
Superintendent
Gadsden Independent Schools
1325 West Washington Street
Anthony, NM 88021

Dear Ron,

I would like to let you know once more how sorry I am that I was not able to attend the Teacher of the Year Awards Ceremony. I am happy that my written message was helpful. Your thank-you letter arrived this week and I sincerely appreciate your gracious understanding during what was a stressful time for me.

Please extend my congratulations to Jorge Araujo for receiving the Teacher of the Year Award. The outstanding accomplishments of New Mexico's educators are always welcome news. I look forward to working with you in the near future.

Truly,

Dr. Veronica C. Garcia
Secretary of Education

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RONALD HAUGEN

From: Elisa Sanchez [sanelisa@nmsu.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2004 9:29 AM
To: jdeleon@nmsu.edu; rasalina@nmsu.edu; RONALD HAUGEN; lgutzspc@nmsu.edu; achieffo@nmsu.edu; iolewis@zianet.com; rjaquez@nmsu.edu; sal_ceballos@bingaman.senate.gov; lvazquez@nmsu.edu; subrown@nmsu.edu; lbrisenofy@fyinm.org; moultonr@nmsu.edu; marhuert@nmsu.edu; mzuniga@hatch.k12.nm.us; lmartinez@lcps.k12.nm.us; krobles@lcps.k12.nm.us; amarin@nmsu.edu; apmeza@netscape.net; cpolanco@lcps.k12.nm.us; susie_cordero@domenici.senate.gov; dbustamante@zianet.com; Agnes_Oczon@Domenici.Senate.Gov; bwoods@nmsu.edu; StaceyC@caasnm.org; Mexicana@zianet.com; elsuttmi@nmsu.edu; margonza@nmsu.edu; cvoisine@nmsu.edu; cbejaran@nmsu.edu; agdean@nmsu.edu; susanbro@nmsu.edu

Good Morning.

I am pleased to share with you an essay written by one of the ENLACE students at Santa Teresa High School. He tied for 2nd place in a national ENLACE contest.

We also have copies of the Anthology of Student Voices, Dime Y Te Dire, produced last year. If you would like a copy come by our offices, #292 Gerald Thomas Hall and we will give you one.

HOPE THROUGH THE EYES OF HISPANIC YOUTH

My name is Emilio Moreno; I am 16 years old and the youngest in my family. I have three brothers and one sister. All of my brothers have dropped out of high school once they were introduced to gangs and drugs. My sister who is the only girl of my family has really been doing great in school and is set to graduate this year.

Seeing how my brothers all turned out made me realize that doing drugs and joining gangs really doesn't get you anywhere. The one thing that really gets you somewhere is having an education.

My brothers aren't the only people that made me realize that having an education is important but the poor homeless men and women that can be found on most street corners also made me realize that education is important for finding a job. The better expertise you pursue means the better job you'll have and the more money you will make.

The indisputable means for having a good education is by reading at a young age. I really didn't realize it until now but reading really does make a difference and it enhances your vocabulary and language skills.

I had a choice of doing drugs and being in a gang but I realized that it isn't worth it at all so I joined various organizations at school. These organizations have helped me a lot through out most of high school. Being at school and being part of these organizations is better than being in a gang causing tribulations and doing drugs. Even though I live around gangs and have dealt with peer pressure every day, I am now more determined and confident to graduate from high school drug free and knowledgeable.

The logo features the words "TOONED-IN" in a large, stylized, outlined font. Below this, the words "SCHOOL MENU" are written in a bold, white, sans-serif font inside a dark, rounded rectangular box.

June 18, 2004

Heather Diaz
5788 Ridge Drive
Santa Teresa, NM 88008

Dear Heather.

Congratulations! The Tooned-In® Menu Team was so impressed with your picture of DJ Spot™ that we decided to include your artistic drawing in an upcoming issue of the Tooned-In® School Menu. Along with your picture we will include your first name, first initial of your last name, and your School District.

We would like your permission along with your parent's permission to publish your picture in an upcoming issue of the Tooned-In® School Menu. We want the millions of children who receive the Tooned-In® School Menu to be able to enjoy your drawing as much as we have.

You and your parents just need to sign the attached form and return it via our toll free fax number 1.888.360.7778, or send it back to us in the pre-paid UPS packet. We need to receive your signed form no later than **Wednesday, June 30th..**

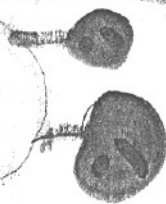
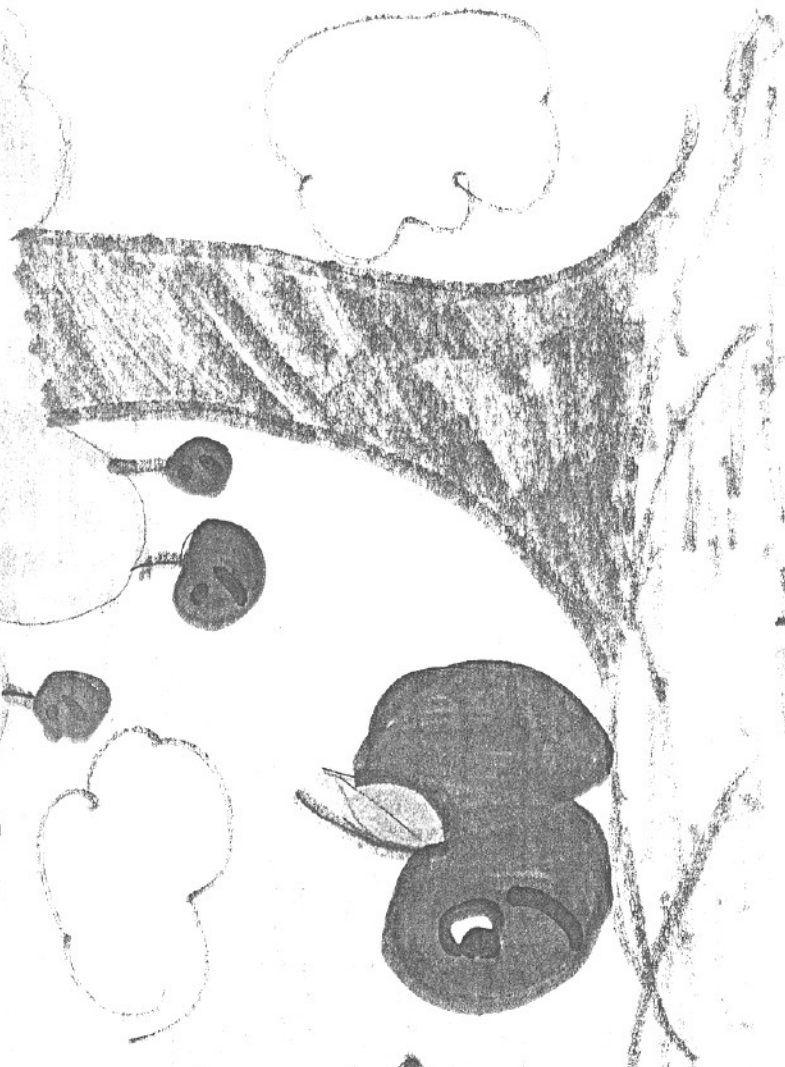
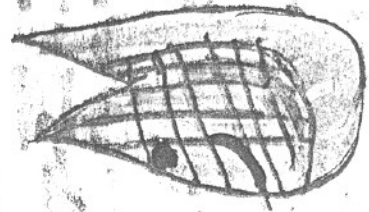
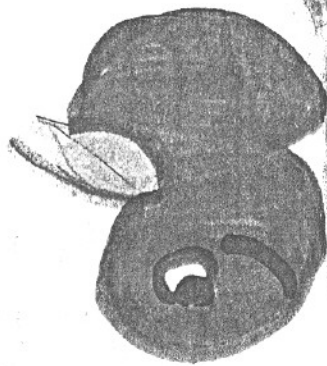
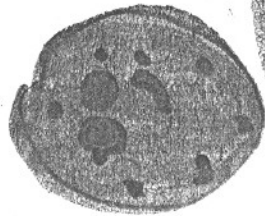
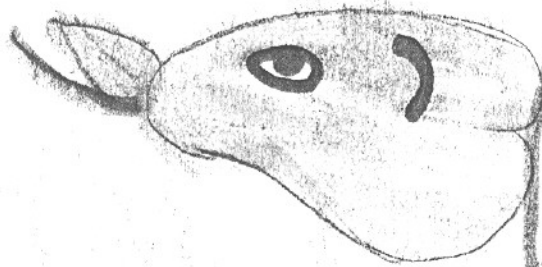
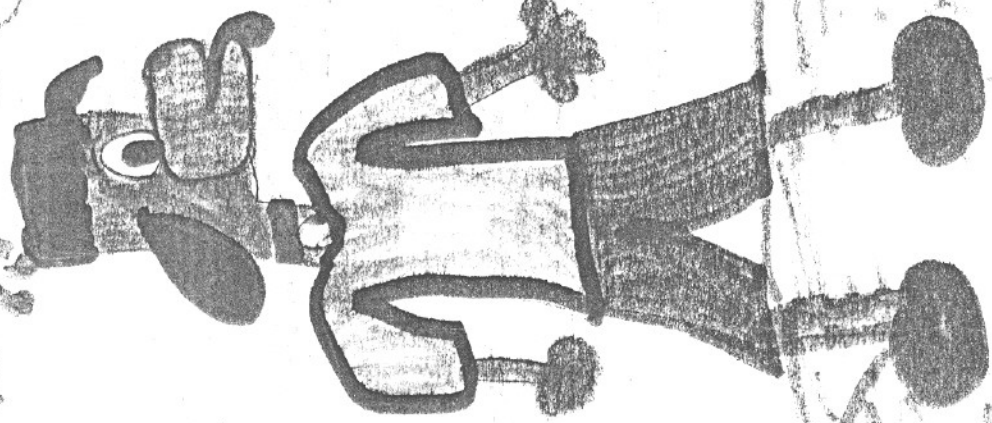
Thanks again Heather for your wonderful effort! Have a great summer and remember to stay Tooned-In®!

All Best Wishes,

THE TOONED-IN® MENU TEAM

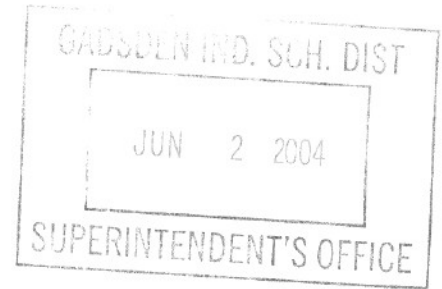
cc: Demetrious Giovas
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Your Fruit!!





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BILL RICHARDSON
Governor

Memorandum

TO: Superintendents and Business Managers
FROM: Antonio Ortiz, Director Capital Outlay Unit ^{AO}
DATE: May 28, 2004
SUBJECT: State-local match formula

During the 2003 legislative session, Senate Bill 513 was enacted into law. This bill amended Section 22-24-5 NMSA 1978, and established the formula to be used to determine the percentage participation of the state and the districts in the new standards-based capital outlay process.

The bill also addressed the issue of direct legislative appropriations that the court found had an unequal effect on the quality of school facilities statewide. Beginning with the allocation cycle that started September 1, 2003, capital outlay grant awards made by the Public School Capital Outlay Council (PSCOC) will be reduced by a percentage of direct appropriations for capital outlay projects accepted by a school district.

The amount of the reduction is determined by the state-local match formula, and will equal the direct legislative appropriation percentage amount for the school district multiplied by the amount of the direct appropriations for individual school projects and the reduction applies to the entire district, not just the school for which the direct appropriation is made, so the district is allowed to choose to accept or reject the special appropriation if it determines that it would be in the district's best interest. We would encourage you to contact your legislators if you have questions about any direct appropriations.

Distributions to school districts from the educational technology fund will be similarly reduced by a portion of the amount of direct appropriations for technology purposes received by the district. However, the total amount of money from the reductions will remain in the educational technology fund and will be distributed in January of each year to all school districts.

The attached worksheet lists the state-local match formula breakdown for each of the districts for the upcoming 2004-2005 academic school year.

If you have any further questions regarding this issue, please contact B. J. Martin, Jr. at (505) 827-6337 or wmartin@state.nm.us.

Cc: Don Moya, Assistant Secretary of Education
Ferdinand Serim, CILT Program Manager
PSCOC

2004 Percentage Participation for School Districts

DISTRICT	COUNTY	STATE SHARE	DISTRICT SHARE
Las Vegas City	San Miguel	66%	34%
Las Vegas West	San Miguel	76%	24%
Logan	Quay	48%	52%
Lordsburg	Hidalgo	54%	46%
Los Alamos	Los Alamos	22%	78%
Los Lunas	Valencia	78%	22%
Loving	Eddy	57%	43%
Lovington	Lea	33%	67%
Magdalena	Socorro	82%	18%
Maxwell	Colfax	66%	34%
Melrose	Curry	65%	35%
Mesa Vista	Taos	55%	45%
Mora	Mora	64%	36%
Moriarty	Torrance	65%	35%
Mosquero	Harding	10%	90%
Mountainair	Torrance	62%	38%
Pecos	San Miguel	58%	42%
Penasco	Taos	73%	27%
Pojoaque	Santa Fe	71%	29%
Portales	Roosevelt	77%	23%
Quemado	Catron	10%	90%
Questa	Taos	10%	90%
Raton	Colfax	64%	36%
Reserve	Catron	25%	75%
Rio Rancho	Sandoval	65%	35%
Roswell	Chaves	69%	31%
Roy	Harding	74%	26%
Ruidoso	Lincoln	30%	70%
San Jon	Quay	73%	27%
Santa Fe	Santa Fe	10%	90%
Santa Rosa	Guadalupe	54%	46%
Silver	Grant	49%	51%
Socorro	Socorro	75%	25%
Springer	Colfax	44%	56%
Taos	Taos	16%	84%
Tatum	Lea	10%	90%
Texico	Curry	64%	36%
Truth or Consequenc	Sierra	41%	59%
Tucumcari	Quay	71%	29%
Tularosa	Otero	79%	21%
Vaughn	Guadalupe	10%	90%
Wagon Mound	Mora	56%	44%
Zuni	McKinley	100%	0%

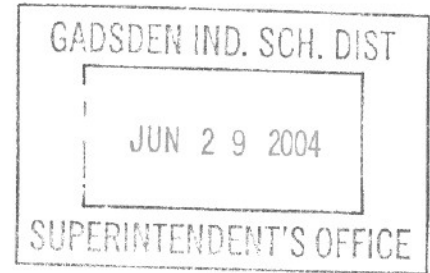
Note: The district share is equivalent to the percentage of participation that the district will have to participate in future PSCOC funded projects and is also the legislative appropriation offset percentage.

2004 Percentage Participation for School Districts

DISTRICT	COUNTY	STATE SHARE	DISTRICT SHARE
Alamogordo	Otero	69%	31%
Albuquerque	Bernalillo	46%	54%
Animas	Hidalgo	53%	47%
Artesia	Eddy	15%	85%
Aztec	San Juan	10%	90%
Belen	Valencia	64%	36%
Bernalillo	Sandoval	54%	46%
Bloomfield	San Juan	17%	83%
Capitan	Lincoln	10%	90%
Carlsbad	Eddy	28%	72%
Carrizozo	Lincoln	34%	66%
Central	San Juan	58%	42%
Chama	Rio Arriba	10%	90%
Cimarron	Colfax	10%	90%
Clayton	Union	31%	69%
Cloudcroft	Otero	10%	90%
Clovis	Curry	78%	22%
Cobre	Grant	54%	46%
Corona	Lincoln	10%	90%
Cuba	Sandoval	81%	19%
Deming	Luna	76%	24%
Des Moines	Union	52%	48%
Dexter	Chaves	85%	15%
Dora	Roosevelt	55%	45%
Dulce	Rio Arriba	10%	90%
Elida	Roosevelt	39%	61%
Espanola	Rio Arriba	58%	42%
Estancia	Torrance	61%	39%
Eunice	Lea	10%	90%
Farmington	San Juan	60%	40%
Floyd	Roosevelt	80%	20%
Fort Sumner	De Baca	46%	54%
Gadsden	Dona Ana	87%	13%
Gallup	McKinley	83%	17%
Grady	Curry	77%	23%
Grants	Cibola	72%	28%
Hagerman	Chaves	83%	17%
Hatch	Dona Ana	90%	10%
Hobbs	Lea	64%	36%
Hondo	Lincoln	36%	64%
House	Quay	76%	24%
Jal	Lea	10%	90%
Jemez Mountain	Rio Arriba	10%	90%
Jemez Valley	Sandoval	45%	55%
Lake Arthur	Chaves	63%	37%
Las Cruces	Dona Ana	68%	32%



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June 21, 2004

Mr. Ronald Haugen
Superintendent
Gadsden Independent Schools
1325 W. Washington St.
Anthony, NM 88021

Dear Superintendent Haugen:

Re: "Gadsden Community Service Learning Initiative"

Congratulations on being one of two successful applicants for the 2004 Service Learning Request for Proposals for the Learn & Serve America Grant. It is my pleasure to award funding in the amount of \$62,713 to your school district in partnership with E2E Connection in Dona Ana County and Software Mart, Inc. for the above proposed service learning program.

→ Please contact Iona Regala, the Service Learning RFP Procurement Manager of the Career-Technical & Community Service Unit to establish the initial budget for your program, and all other necessary requirements to meet the terms and conditions specified in the just concluded Service Learning RFP. She can be reached at (505) 827-6656 with email address iregala@ped.state.nm.us.

I wish you every success in your partnership with community entities to carry forth this very important service learning initiative, and to its expansion in the years ahead.

Truly

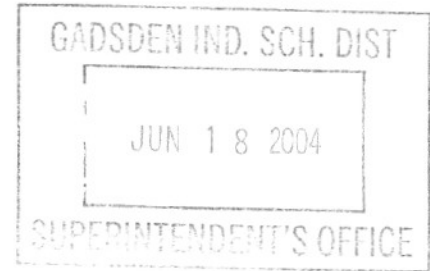
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Dr. Veronica C. Garcia
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cc. Mr. Steven W. Givens
Ms. Carolyn J. Kuhn
Dr. Patricia Parkinson
Lena Trujillo-Chavez
Iona Regala

*cc: Ms. Lozano
MS Garcia*



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June 14, 2004

Ron Haugen, Superintendent
Gadsden Independent School District
P.O. Drawer 70
Anthony, New Mexico 88021

Dear Mr. Haugen:

Congratulations! I am pleased to announce that the William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program continuation grant application that was submitted by the Gadsden Independent School District has been approved and awarded a total of \$219,722.00 for the 2004/2005 program year.

The Even Start tradition of excellence is challenged to maintain the highest quality educational services to eligible families and their young children. As you know, Even Start programs must focus on recruiting low-income families who are most in need of educational services; improving the intensity of educational services to eligible families and their young children; retaining families for sufficient periods of time for them to make meaningful gains and meet their goals; and using scientifically-based research in reading, early childhood education and adult education in designing and providing instruction in Even Start's four core components. Please remember that Even Start is first and foremost a literacy program and central to our mission of improving reading skills and the educational opportunities of families and young children.

Project activities must be implemented as described in the approved proposal. Any requests to alter the project activities must be submitted in writing to the Public Education Department and must be approved by the Even Start State Coordinator. In order to expedite budget approval, if you have not submitted a signed Budget Adjustment Request for the amount of your grant award, please do so

immediately. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Judy Fifield, Even Start State Coordinator at 505-827-6562 or Jfifield@ped.state.nm.us.

Truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Veronica C. Garcia".

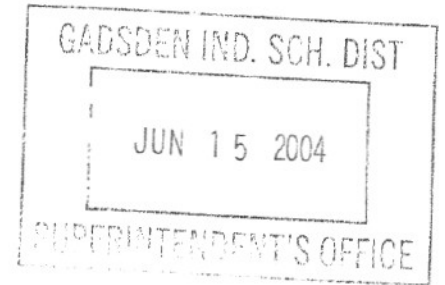
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cc: Dr. Patricia Parkinson, Assistant Secretary
Vonell Huitt, Reading First Stat Director
Ann T. Steinhoff, Director of Federal Programs
Cindy Loretto, Financial Specialist



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June 4, 2004

Ronald Haugen
Superintendent
Gadsden Independent Schools
P.O. Drawer 70
Anthony, NM 88021

Re: Competitive Grant for Title II-D, Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT)

Dear Mr. Haugen:

Congratulations! Your Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT) proposal has been approved and awarded a total of \$83,000.00.

Project activities must be implemented as described in the approved proposal. Requests to alter the project activities must be submitted in writing to the New Mexico Public Education Department and must be approved by the Enhancing Education Through Technology Coordinator. In order to expedite budget approval, please submitted a signed B.A.R. for the amount of your grant award. Funds must be expended by September 30, 2006. The revenue and fund code is 8602/24133.

Local education agencies are required to evaluate how the technologies acquired through the funds have been integrated into improving school curriculum and increasing student achievement. In addition, the required 25% of the award dedicated to professional development must be evaluated for quality and impact.

Please note that a mandatory meeting for all project directors will be held September 17, 2004 to discuss reporting and evaluation procedures. More information about this meeting will be sent to you and the project director. Project directors will receive a copy of the EETT Reporting Toolkit for the required programmatic and fiscal reports.

Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Beth Isler, Enhancing Education Through Technology Coordinator, bisler@sde.state.nm.us or (505) 827-6521.

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Secretary of Education

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cc: Yvonne Lozano, Project Director
Dr. Patricia E. Parkinson, Assistant Secretary for Instructional Support Division
Ferdinand Serim, Program Manager for Curriculum, Instruction, and Learning Technologies
Lea Larranaga, Financial Specialist
Beth Isler, Enhancing Education Through Technology Coordinator