August 27, 2009

Dear School Administrator,

As you are aware, IDEAL-NM works in collaboration with schools to provide high-quality online courses for students in grades 6-12. Our courses can be used to expand curricular options, resolve conflicts in student schedules, and increase student technology skills via highly-qualified teachers. We are a valuable service in meeting the requirements of the High School Redesign Act. I pledge our best efforts in meeting the expectations of you and your students.

Enclosed is your Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that requires your signature for your school to take advantage of IDEAL-NM courses through June 30, 2012. Please sign all three copies and return to:

Brinda Swann  
IDEAL-NM  
5201 Eagle Rock, Suite 2A  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Your prompt return of these documents will be appreciated. After the documents are signed by Secretary Garcia, an original will be sent for your records.

Please check the following funding resources for your district:

- Your Regional Cooperative may have funds for enrollment in IDEAL-NM.
- There may be scholarship funds from corporate or private donors that provide one semester seat in an IDEAL-NM course at no cost to every New Mexico high school.
- There are a limited number of state-paid online AP semester course seats.
- Instructional Materials Budget
- Title I
- Laptop Learning Initiative
- Title II
- E2T2
- Title III
- School Improvement
- Grants
- Career Tech
- Indian Education
- Special Education

5201 Eagle Rock Ave. Suite 2A, Albuquerque, NM 87113  505-383-2400 (Fax) 505-383-2429
Please contact me or my staff for additional information.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Veronica Chavez-Neuman
Interim Executive Director
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR eLEARNING COURSE ACCESS
BETWEEN
THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
AND
GADSDEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

THIS UNDERSTANDING is entered into by and between the State of New Mexico Public Education Department, hereinafter referred to as the “DEPARTMENT,” and the Gadsden Independent School District, hereinafter referred to as the “DISTRICT.”

WHEREAS, the DEPARTMENT desires to provide statewide eLearning services via the Innovative Digital Education and Learning—New Mexico (IDEAL-NM) program,

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT desires to engage, and the DEPARTMENT is willing to provide eLearning services to the DISTRICT,

NOW THEREFORE the parties hereby agree as follows;

1. Scope of work:
   
   A. The DEPARTMENT shall make available eLearning courses via the learning management system platform of the IDEAL-NM program. The courses that are offered will include the existing catalogue of IDEAL’s courses, and any new courses in development.

   B. The DISTRICT will provide student access to IDEAL-NM eLearning courses and pay the Southwest Regional Education Center, who is the fiscal agent for the DEPARTMENT, the sum of $200 per student per course per semester seat as its share of cost allocation. Payment for the course will be due upon receipt of invoice from the DEPARTMENT.

2. Term: This Understanding will become effective upon approval by the parties. It shall terminate on June 30, 2012. It may be terminated by either of the parties upon written notice delivered to the other party at least thirty (30) days prior to the intended date of termination. Upon termination all obligations incurred under this understanding shall terminate.

3. Strict accountability of all Receipts and Disbursements: Each party shall be strictly accountable for all receipts and disbursements under this agreement.

4. Amendment: This understanding shall not be altered, changed, or amended except by instrument in writing executed by the parties.

5. Appropriations: Performance under this Understanding is contingent upon sufficient authority and appropriation granted by the New Mexico State Legislature.

6. Governing Law: This Understanding shall be governed by the laws of the State of New Mexico.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Understanding.

FOR THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

By: ____________________________________________
    Veronica C. García, Ed.D
    Secretary

Date: ____________________________________________

FOR THE GADSDEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: ____________________________________________

Date: ____________________________________________