

## Synopsis of Title I Part A Program Plan for 2015-2016

Gadsden Independent School District School Board Meeting May 14, 2015

I have very good news concerning the 2015-2016 allocation for Title I Part A. For the first time in several years, the allocation has not been reduced! It is exactly the same as our last school year: \$8,455,908.

The new version of the Title I Part A application, in the Share Point Module Based Platform was recently released by the Title I Bureau. The application will no longer be known as the Consolidated Application now that Title II allocation is to be released separately. Due to time constraints initiated by the application release, training, development and review, Mr. Yturralde has asked for an overview of the elements that are in Title I Part A application and budget to provide an opportunity for information sharing.

The Title I Part A Budget will continue to provide the following support and programming for schools this year:

- Federal Programs Director and 5 staff;
- Nine Federal Social Workers;
- Five Parent Outreach Ambassadors;
- A Title I Coordinator for Parental Involvement;
- Seven Instructional Specialists which support Bilingual Education, Reading Intervention, Math Instruction K-12 and four on-site specialists at the four Pre-K Centers;
- Twelve Instructional Coaches;
- Campus Reading and Math Intervention Teachers;
- Four Pre-K Clerks;
- 7 Instructional Assistants;
- Seven Technology Technicians; and the
- District Media Secretary.

**Title I Part A** will continue to provide campus allocations for student instructional materials and Parental Involvement. Amounts are always based on a per student multiplier. The Parent Involvement allocation is a mandatory 1% of the total award, and that will be 84,559 for SY 15-16. As in the past, an estimated amount for gasoline reimbursements for POAs will be provided from the Parent Involvement set-aside. The requirement that all campus volunteers have background checks will also be funded from individual campus Parent Involvement allocation.

**The Title I Part A** budget will continue to support the following programs and services:

- Imagine Learning software for elementary and middle schools;
- An afterschool activity bus for secondary schools;
- Technology purchases in the form of IPADS, laptop computers, Dual Boards and Student clicker packs;
- Ginzy software;
- Reading Intervention materials and supplies;
- Data Driven Classroom;
- Edgenuity (formerly e2020): through collaboration with Rosa Hood and Spaceport;
- The Family Literacy Center through collaboration with Mrs. Yturralde, Title III and the Immigration Grant;
- Professional Development for teachers, instructional assistants, and administrators;
- Travel to professional development for teachers, instructional assistants, and administrators;
- Supply and Materials allocations to all campuses;

- Maintenance, supplies and gasoline for Federal Programs Vehicles;
- Cell phone service for Federal Social Workers, and POAs
- Maintenance and supplies for equipment in the district media center.

The Federal Programs budgets are also required to provide extra services for low performing schools within the district. Thankfully, this was not needed last year. Moreover, it is difficult to predict amounts for this purpose or if this extra support will be needed in the 2015-16 school-year. Never-the-less, priority will be placed on this requirement before we are able to finalize campus allocations for 2015-16.

In closing it must be noted that special attention is needed to reserve the allowable 15% Carryover from one funding year to the next. The district has been able to pay the renewal fees for programs and projects from the previous year's Carryover. At this time licensing renewal fees are approximately \$790,000 each spring.

I am respectfully requesting authorization for the Superintendent or his designee to sign and submit the Title I Part A application to the New Mexico Public Education Department upon release and completion.

Respectfully submitted,

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