

Synopsis of Title I Part A Planning Award for 2018-2019

Gadsden Independent School District School Board Meeting May 10, 2018

The Title I Part A award for 2018-2019 is \$7,912,811. This information was shared with the Superintendent and Director of Federal Programs at the recent NMASBO conference. This amount is an increase of \$1,129,204 above the 2017-2018 award of \$6,783,607. Although the award letter and the Continuation Application from PED are yet to be released, we are able to ensure the district that the Title I budget will continue to support families and students with quality programming and instructional supports.

During the 2017-2018, the Federal Programs Department asked that vacancies occurring during the school year and funded through the federal budgets remain vacant. It was thought that through attrition from those vacancies, retirements and resignations, the federal budgets would be able to continue with then current staffing levels. Now with increased funding we are pleased that we are able offer the district families and students additional supports through expanded instructional support positions and family engagement.

Due to time constraints initiated by delayed release of the Consolidated Application and Award letter, Superintendent Dempsey has asked for an overview of the elements that are proposed for 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 4 staff;
- Nine Federal Social Workers;
- Four Parent Outreach Ambassadors;
- A Title I Coordinator for Parental Involvement, Homeless Services and Migrant Programming;
- A district level Reading Intervention/ Math Intervention Specialist K-12
- A district level upgrade for current Literacy Specialist to Literacy Coordinator
- Ten Instructional Coaches;
- Campus Reading and Math Intervention Teachers;
- 5 Instructional Assistants for Intervention Programs;
- 4 On-Track PreK On-Site Specialists
- 2 On-Track PreK Receptionists
- Seven Technology Technicians; and the
- District Media Secretary and media materials for school and district printing requests

With the increase in the award, the CMT has approved Title I support for the following new positions

- Three high school Intervention Teachers: estimate \$225,000
 - Three district level Content Coordinators: Math, Science, Social Studies: estimate \$255,000
 - A Family Literacy Liaison/POA for the Chaparral Area: estimate \$30,000 with gas log
 - An Early Childhood Teacher for a Full Participation (Inclusion) 3 Year Old classroom at the Anthony On-Track: estimate \$55,000 (salary and benefits)
 - 20 Department Content Leaders: 4 per high school and 4 per 1 middle school at \$5,000 each for an estimate of \$100,000
- Estimated Total New Expenditures: \$665,000 to be covered by award increase.

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 \$79,128 for SY 18-19. 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 licenses for requesting schools;
- An afterschool activity bus for secondary schools;
- Illuminate: centralized district data collection system (formerly Data Driven Classroom for elementary schools)
- The Anthony and Chaparral Area Family Literacy Centers
- Approved professional development for teachers, instructional assistants, and administrators;
- Edgenuity for credit recovery in secondary schools;
- Supply/Materials allocations to 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.

In closing it must be noted that, in the past, special attention has been required to reserve the allowable 13-15% Carryover from one funding year to the next. The current practice from PED is to send an estimated Carryover with the Official Award Letter, and permit districts to budget the estimated Carryover with the new award. We are unable to predict a Carryover at this time and therefore have not included any Carryover with this programming narrative.

I am respectfully requesting authorization for the Superintendent or his designee to sign and submit the **Consolidated Share Point Application** to the New Mexico Public Education Department upon completion and prior to the May 30, 2018 deadline. The Director of Federal Programs will return to the BOA for ratification.

Respectfully submitted,

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