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MEMORANDUM

To: Travis Dempsey, Gadsden Independent Schools Superintendent

CC: Diane Ludwig, Desert Pride Academy Principal
Ludym Martinez, Business Office
Brittany Link, GRADS Teacher

From: Jeanne Johnston NM GRADS Director

Re: Award Letter for Desert Pride Academy GRADS Program

I am pleased to inform you that Gadsden Independent Schools will receive a total allocation of \$40,000 for the GRADS program at Desert Pride Academy for the 2023-24 school year. The funding amount is based on a 3-year initial funding cycle. Please note, we are funded through legislative appropriations, and this level of funding is anticipated, but not guaranteed for next year.

The money is broken out as follows:

- ***INSTRUCTIONAL COMPONENT (fund # 28190)*** for TEENAGE PARENTS = ***up to \$40,000.*** This money can be used for GRADS teacher salary, substitutes and travel to GRADS training, case manager, data entry, fatherhood coordinator, supplies for the GRADS classroom, summer case management, etc.

The funding period for the award will be July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Your district can choose which line items you want to allocate the funding to. We are asking that sites set aside a minimum of \$1,000 for supplies for the GRADS program. The rest of the funds can be allocated for anything related to the GRADS program/students (salaries, travel, etc).

Enclosed you will find the contract for your GRADS site. Please secure the appropriate signatures and return the enclosed contract **by November 30, 2023**. I will sign the contracts as they are received, and will return a copy to you.

Please feel free to contact me at 575-835-1785, or by email at jjohnston@nmgrads.org. If you have any questions.