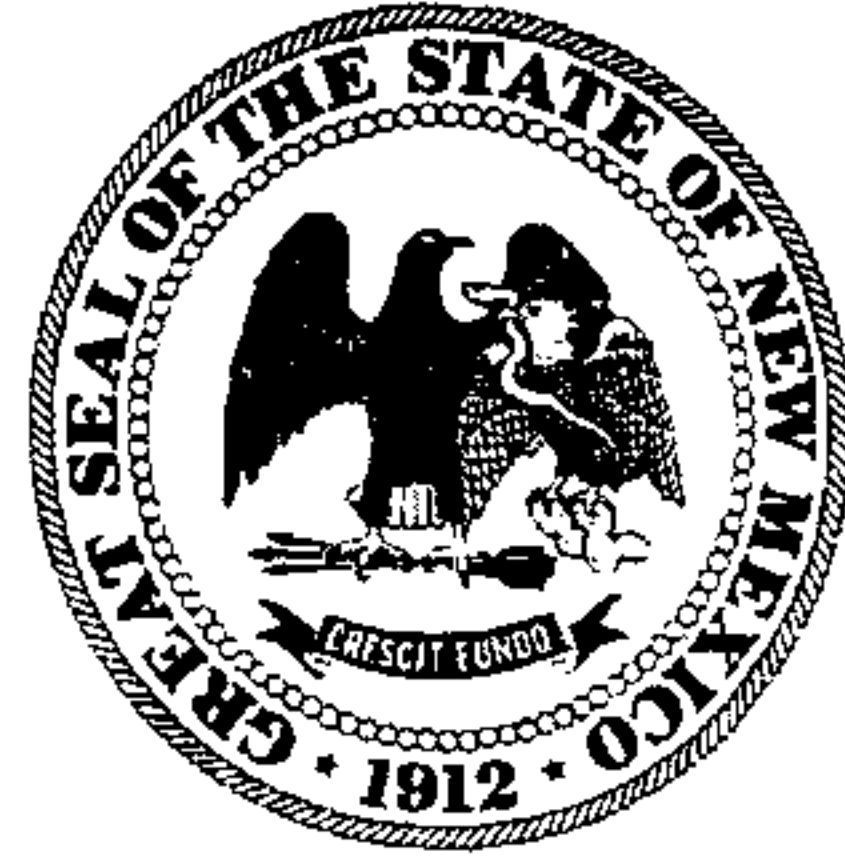


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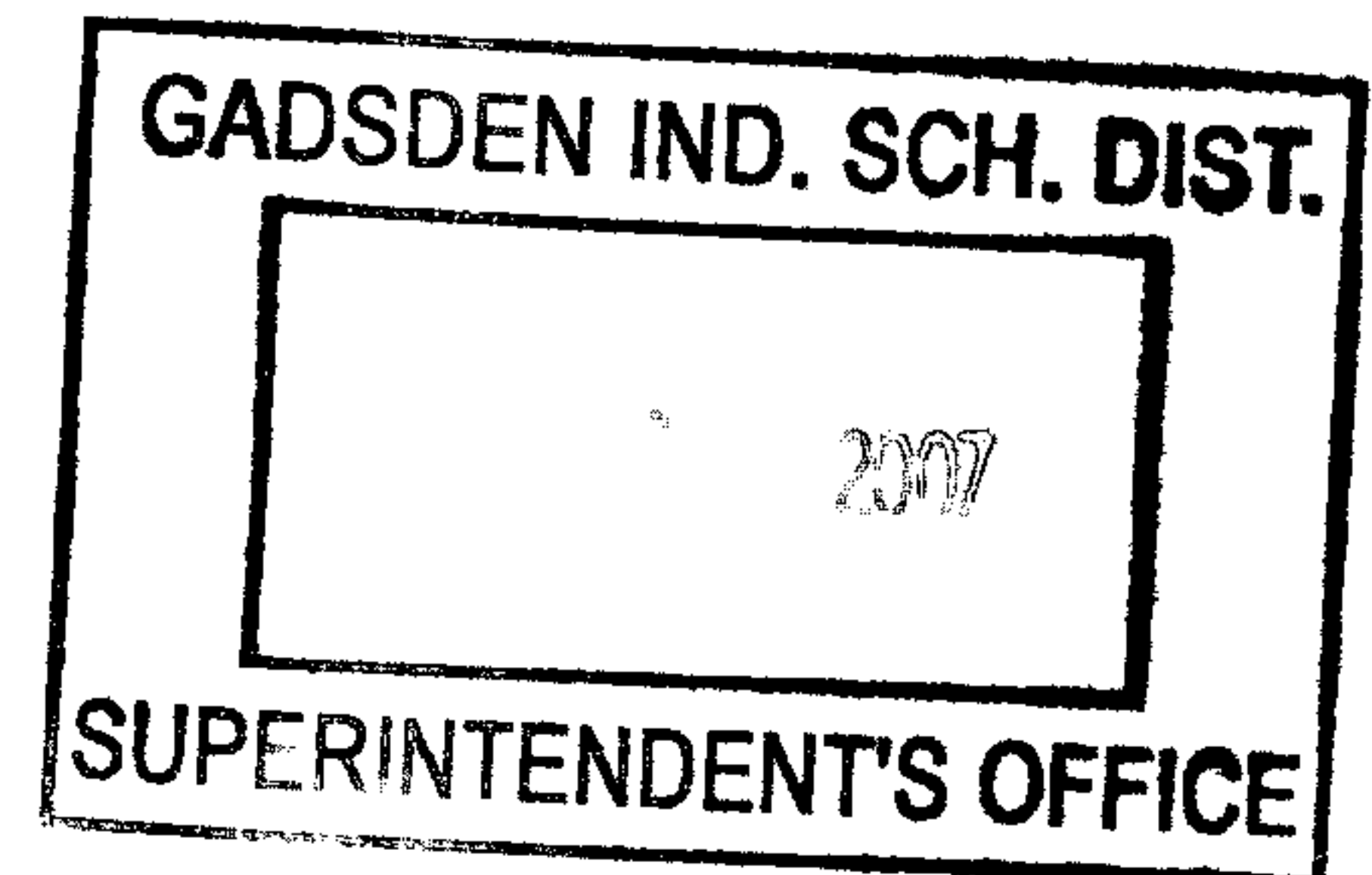
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August 13, 2007

Cynthia Nava, Superintendent  
Gadsden Independent Schools  
P.O. Drawer 70  
Anthony, NM 88021

Dear Superintendent Nava,

We are pleased to inform you that the Public School Capital Outlay Council (PSCOC) has approved a total net award of **\$9,420,841** from the 2007-2008 Standards-based Capital Outlay Awards to Gadsden Independent Schools for the following project. This net award amount is exclusive of any additional funding allocated for energy efficiency improvements from the High-Performance Schools appropriations, but may include an advance for pre-kindergarten facilities as identified on the attached spreadsheet.

**School:**

**Short Description:**

Berino Elementary (new)

Planning, Design and Construction for New Elementary School

**Detail:**

This award is for planning, design, & construction for new elementary school to adequacy to provide core facilities for 500 students and initial classrooms for 300, grades K-5, to relieve overcrowding of Berino Elementary only. Future applications will address Anthony ES and Loma Linda ES needs as they come up on the ranking. This award is contingent upon the district submitting quarterly reports to the PSCOC on the status of this and other PSCOC-funded projects.

Please note that the award can be used *only* for the project(s) and purpose(s) specified.

Funding of Capital Outlay Awards for the 2007-2008 award cycle are principally financed through supplemental severance tax bonds, and availability of these funds for your project are contingent upon several bond sales throughout the fiscal year by the State Board of Finance.

Prior to the expenditure or draw down of any state awarded funds, the district must submit a Request for Approval of School Construction Form (beginning with the program statement) to the Public School Facilities Authority for approval, as well as meet all other contingencies for the project. The PSCOC directs the districts to involve the PSFA staff early on in the planning process in order to resolve issues well in advance of the completion of construction drawings. All projects shall utilize standard contracts, procedures, and reporting requirements as defined by the PSFA. The details of the project must be agreed to mutually in writing between the District and the PSFA through MOUs, which shall be drafted following acceptance of the award by the District. The signed MOU shall be returned to your PSFA Regional Manager no later than November 9, 2007.

Please submit this letter accepting the award by signature of both the Board of Education and the Superintendent to: Mr. Robert Gorrell, Director, Public School Facilities Authority, 2019 Galisteo, Suite B-1, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505. **Deadline for the acceptance of this grant is September 10, 2007.**

In addition to project specific contingencies or other requirements specified in the award language, additional conditions were adopted by the PSCOC (please see the attached list).

All districts are advised to expend these awarded funds, as well as past award balances, in a timely manner. If you have questions concerning the award, please contact Mr. Tim Berry at 505-988-5989 x2109.

Once more, we would like to extend our congratulations. We look forward to working with you in our common purpose of providing better school facilities for the children of New Mexico.

Sincerely,



Paula Tackett, Chair  
Public School Capital Outlay Council

cc: Robert Gorrell, Director, PSFA  
Gloria Martinez, PSFA Regional Manager

Attachments:  
2007-2008 PSCOC Standards-based Awards  
2007-2008 PSCOC Award Additional Conditions

**DECLARATION OF AWARD ACCEPTANCE**

The undersigned below hereby certifies that the 2007-2008 Standards-based Capital Outlay Award to the Gadsden Independent Schools district for the project at Berino Elementary (new) is accepted by the district and all project specific contingencies and additional conditions that were adopted by the PSCOC at the meeting on July 25, 2007 are understood and accepted. The awarded funds will be expended only for the stated uses and all contingencies will be met.

**ACCEPTED BY:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Board President  
Gadsden Independent Schools

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cynthia Nava  
Superintendent, Gadsden Independent Schools

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_