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BILL RICHARDSON
Governor

June 28, 2007

Mr. Ronald Haugen
Superintendent
Gadsden Independent Schools
P.O. Drawer 70
Anthony NM 88021

Dear Superintendent Haugen:

It is a pleasure to congratulate you and select schools for achieving outstanding improvements in reading and math proficiency in 2005-2006. Because of this exceptional accomplishment, the schools appearing on the attached list will receive awards from the New Mexico Incentives for School Improvement Fund.

The schools were selected to receive this award because of school year 2006-07 assessment results. This success is due to strong leadership, effective instruction, and diligence by your administration, teachers, students, and parents.

The Incentives for School Improvement Award was created by the 1997 Legislature to give schools financial incentives to make outstanding gains on student assessments (§22-2C-8 and §22-2C-9, NMSA 1978). The amount of the award is based on the size of your school's proficiency gains and the number of students enrolled. Your school council may determine how this supplemental funding will be used. The statute excludes the use of funds for salaries, salary increases or bonuses. You might want to consider using some of this award to fund substitutes so teachers may attend professional development activities provided by the PED Assessment and Accountability Division. Teacher participation in these activities supports the ongoing development of the statewide assessments. However these funds are used, I trust that teachers and students will be recognized for their praiseworthy achievement, and that this recognition will motivate them to continue their attainment of excellence.

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You can obtain the award by submitting a Budget Adjustment Request (BAR) to the PED. The attached Guidelines for Superintendents and Principals provide information about this process. You are encouraged to request these funds before the end of this school year, though a balance may be carried forward to 2007-2008.

As time permits, please contact your State Legislators and thank them for funding the Incentives for School Improvement Act, and to tell them about the important impact this award is making on your school.

Please contact Cheryl Holloway at 827-3888 or Cheryl.Holloway@state.nm.us if we can assist you with any questions about this award.

Thank you for teaching our students to succeed.

Truly,

Veronica C. Garcia, Ed.D.
Secretary of Education

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Enclosure (2)

cc: Dr. Catherine Cross Maple, Deputy Secretary, Learning & Accountability
Dr. Tom Dauphinee, Acting Assistant Secretary, Assessment & Accountability
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Ms. Pat Martinez, Principal, Desert Trails Elementary
Ms. Cathy Phillips, Principal, Mesquite Elementary
Mr. Chris Cardona, Principal, Chaparral Elementary
Ms. Laura Garcia, Associate Superintendent for Finance

DISTRICT	School Name	FY 07 40% Appropriation
GADSDEN	DESERT TRAILS ELEM	\$ 12,743.35488 ✓
GADSDEN	MESQUITE ELEMENTARY	\$ 7,417.03077
GADSDEN	CHAPARRAL ELEMENTARY	\$ 9,889.37436

DISTRICT	SCHOOL NAME	FY 07 60% Appropriation
GADSDEN	DESERT PRIDE ACADEMY	\$ 3,886.64199
GADSDEN	DESERT VIEW ELEM	\$ 54,190.89403
GADSDEN	LOMA LINDA ELEM	\$ 29,538.47912