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Ms. Cynthia Nava
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Dear Ms.Nava:

The New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) is pleased to announce that new funds are available for New Mexico's public, charter and juvenile detention school libraries for school year 2007-2008. New Mexico voters approved \$3,000,000.00 funding in the November 2006 election (SB 301) specifically for public, charter and juvenile detention libraries. This funding has made \$3,000 available for the improvement or acquisition of all public school libraries and \$1.58 per student to update and expand library collections in order to circulate and provide access of materials to students and teachers.

The allocation for Gadsden Independent Schools is \$84,945.69 based on a formula that calculates per school library and per student served. It is expected that all school libraries within your district will be served by this appropriation.

Laws 2006, (SB 301), makes an appropriation to: fund all public, charter and juvenile detention schools \$3,000 for public school library improvement or acquisition per school and to acquire library books, equipment, and library resources for public school and state-supported school libraries statewide. The funds are available for distribution based on a formula per library and per student-based membership.

Eligibility: All public, charter and state supported schools.

Use of funds: The funds must be used to fund each library facility \$3,000 for improvement or acquisition and to acquire library books and library resources to support the library program. The Library Task Force that supported and worked for this funding

recommends that libraries and their collections are updated so that students will have greater access to reading and reference materials. All funds generated by these GO Bonds may not be used to supplant existing or prior library material funding within school districts receiving these monies. This funding will supplement and be in addition to current and existing funding.

Fund distribution: Each school, including public, charter and state supported schools, will receive \$3,000 for improvement or acquisition of each library facility and approximately \$1.58 per student allocation. The funds will be available through reimbursement effective upon receipt of this notification through June 30, 2010. Cash balances up to 100% will be allowed to carry over. Final request for reimbursement must be submitted no later than May 15, 2010.

We hope this information is useful as you continue to review your library resources in order to further support your instructional program. Included with this letter is an attachment noting the process districts/schools must follow to expend these funds and the Reimbursement Request form. If you have or need additional information regarding the use of funds, please contact Vicki Breen at (505) 827-6559 via e-mail at vicki.breen@state.nm.us.

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