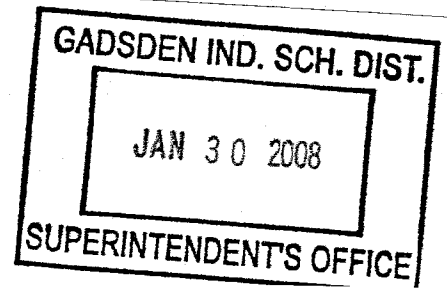




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Dear Ms. Nava:

We would like to extend our sincere congratulations to Desert View Elementary School for its achievement in meeting Adequate Yearly Progress for two consecutive years. Consequently, this school has been designated as a "School On The Rise", thereby exiting the Schools In Need of Improvement Process.

As a result of this recognition, the Public Education Department (PED) is awarding \$4,000 to each school. This award from the School Improvement Framework funds must be used for school library purposes.

Please submit an electronic Budget Adjustment Request (BAR) utilizing Fund Code: 27164, Revenue Code: 43202 through the Operating Budget Management System (OBMS). Please remember to attach a copy of this award letter as justification, electronically to the BAR. The Flowthrough BAR process is located on the PED website at: www.ped.state.nm.us.

These funds are on a reimbursement basis and must be requested using the Request for Reimbursement Form. The Request for Reimbursement must be accompanied by an expenditure report which supports the claim. These School Improvement funds do not carryover into fiscal year 2009. Therefore, it is critical that the district expend their program funds by June 30, 2008. June Payroll Calculations and Unliquidated Obligations will not be accepted. All Requests for Reimbursements must be received by the PED Priority Schools Bureau on or before July 15, 2008.

Please feel free to contact Dr. Beverly Johnson, Bureau Chief, Priority Schools Bureau at: 505-827-6420 or via e-mail at: beverly.johnson@state.nm.us . If you have any questions regarding fiscal matters, please contact Lea Larranaga at 505-827-6608 or via e-mail at: lea.larranaga@state.nm.us .

Truly,

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