

**GADSDEN INDEPENDENT  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Adequate Funding for School  
Transportation**

**Resolution**

**WHEREAS**, the Gadsden Independent School District consists of 26 educational facilities educating the children of Southern Dona Ana County and Southern Otero County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gadsden Independent School District educates approximately 14,000 students in programs stretching from pre-school through 12<sup>th</sup> grade; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gadsden Independent School District covers an area of 1400 square miles; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 77% of the 14,000 students are transported annually; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately **One Million Nine Hundred Thousand** miles are traveled each year to transport these students; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Education Department created a shortfall of \$600,000 in transportation budget for the 2015-16 school year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gadsden Independent School District was in the top five that lost funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the \$600,000 shortfall has created a hardship for the district to adequately serve students of Gadsden Independent School District for the 2015-16 school year; and

**WHEREAS**, after school activities, such as athletic events, tutoring sessions, and enrichment programs have been curtailed to the detriment of student participation; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE GADSDEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND BOARD OF EDUCATION** call upon the New Mexico Public Education Department to re-instate the transportation funding that was awarded the district in the 2014-15 school year; and

I hereby certify that the foregoing **Resolution** was duly considered by the **GADSDEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**, Anthony, New Mexico at which a quorum was present, and that same was duly adopted the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2015.

Maria Saenz, President  
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