

Synopsis of Title I Part A Planning Award for 2017-2018

Gadsden Independent School District School Board Meeting May 11, 2017

The Title I Part A allocation for 2017-18 is \$6,783,607. This amount is \$1,023,523 less than our initial allocation for SY 16.17. In order to continue programming under this reduced award, several proactive steps have been taken and explained below:

During the 2016.17 school year, the Federal Programs Department asked that vacancies occurring during the school year and funded through the federal budgets remain vacant. It is thought that through attrition from those vacancies, retirements and resignations, the federal budgets will be able to continue with the current staffing levels: If balances are sufficient in December 2017, we may be able to revisit those vacancies. Additional expenditure reductions are from travel using federal budgets. Only travel related to program compliance will be approved.

The new **Title I Part A Share Point Application**, was recently released by the Title I Bureau. A Regional Workshop for Federal Programs Directors is scheduled for May 4, 2017. The application was formerly known as the Consolidated Application however the Title II allocation is now released separately. Due to time constraints initiated by the application release, training, development and review, Mr. Yturalde has asked for an overview of the elements that are in Title I Part A application and budget to provide an opportunity for information sharing.

The Title I Part A Budget will continue to provide the following support and programming for schools this year with previously noted reductions in parenthesis:

- Federal Programs Director and 4 staff;
- Nine Federal Social Workers; (formerly 10)
- Four Parent Outreach Ambassadors; (formerly 5)
- A Title I Coordinator for Parental Involvement, Homeless Services and Migrant Programming;
- Two (formerly 5) District Level Curriculum/Instructional Specialists that support Reading Intervention/ Math Intervention K-12 and three on-site specialists (formerly 4) for the Pre-K Centers;
- Ten Instructional Coaches; (formerly 12)
- Campus Reading and Math Intervention Teachers;
- Three Pre-K Clerks (formerly 4);
- 5 Instructional Assistants for Intervention Programs; (formerly 7)
- Seven Technology Technicians; and the
- District Media Secretary.

Title I Part A will continue to provide campus allocations for student instructional materials and Parental Involvement. Amounts are always based on a per student multiplier. The Parent Involvement allocation is a mandatory 1% of the total award, and that will be \$67,836.07 for SY 17-18. As in the past, an estimated amount for gasoline reimbursements for POAs will be provided from the Parent Involvement set-aside. The requirement that all campus volunteers have background checks will also be funded from individual campus Parent Involvement allocation.

The Title I Part A budget will continue to support the following programs and services:

- Imagine Learning software for elementary schools;
- An afterschool activity bus for secondary schools;
- Reading Intervention and Math Intervention Teachers, materials and supplies;
- Data Driven Classroom;

- The Family Literacy Center through collaboration with Mrs. Yturralde, Title III and the Immigration Grant;
- Approved professional development for teachers, instructional assistants, and administrators;
- Edgenuity for credit recovery in secondary schools;
- Supply/Materials allocations to campuses at an estimated 50%-60% reduction from SY 16-17;
- Maintenance, supplies and gasoline for Federal Programs Vehicles;
- Cell phone service for Federal Social Workers, and POAs
- Maintenance and supplies for equipment in the district media center.

In closing it must be noted that, in the past, special attention has been required to reserve the allowable 15% Carryover from one funding year to the next. The district was been able to pay the renewal fees for programs and projects from the previous year's Carryover. At this time licensing renewal fees are approximately \$790,000 each spring.

I am respectfully requesting authorization for the Superintendent or his designee to sign and submit the **Title I Part A Share Point Application** to the New Mexico Public Education Department upon completion and prior to the May 15, 2017 deadline.

Respectfully submitted,

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