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October 21, 2019

Dr. Kimberly Mizell, Superintendent
Bloomfield School District
325 North Bergin Lane
Bloomfield, NM 87413

Dear Dr. Mizell,

We are pleased to inform you that the Public School Capital Outlay Council (PSCOC) has approved a total net state award of \$257,537 from the 2019-2020 Outside of Adequacy Appropriation to the Bloomfield School District for the following projects:

Priority 1:

Teacher Housing

Priority 2:

Security Vestibule

Priority 3:

Soccer Field

Award Language:

Make awards under the outside of adequacy appropriation set out in the attached Scenario award spreadsheet of this item, for the purposes as identified and in the amounts represented in Column M. Reimbursement of previous expenses are ineligible for funding under this program. Allocations for individual district priorities listed in the spreadsheet may be adjusted as determined appropriate by the District and identified in the award acceptance letter to be issued after award; the total shall not to exceed the maximum defined for each district. The acceptance letter shall include a statement from the district documenting how the project(s) comply with the legislative intent and concept of outside of adequacy. Districts seeking a change in scope from the project(s) listed on the application will need to return to the PSCOC at a future meeting with a request for an award language change.

Please note that the award can be used *only* for the project(s) and purpose(s) specified.

Please submit this letter accepting the award by signature of both the Board of Education and the Superintendent to: Ms. Casandra Cano, Programs Support Manager, via email at ccano@nmpsfa.org or via mail at 1312 Basehart SE, Suite 200, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87106. **Deadline for the acceptance of this grant is November 22, 2019.**

Prior to the expenditure or draw down of any state awarded funds, the details of the project must be agreed to mutually in writing between the District and the PSFA through MOUs, which shall be executed following acceptance of the award by

the District. The MOU shall be signed and uploaded into the Construction Information Management System (CIMS) within 30 days of receipt.

All districts are advised to expend these awarded funds, as well as past award balances, in a timely manner. If you have questions concerning the award, please contact Ms. Casandra Cano, Programs Support Manager, at 505-468-0283.

Once more, we would like to extend our congratulations. We look forward to working with you in our common purpose of providing better school facilities for the children of New Mexico.

Sincerely,



Joe Guillen, Chair
Public School Capital Outlay Council

cc: Jonathan Chamblin, Director, PSFA
David Biggs, PSFA Regional Facilities Manager

Attachments: 2019-2020 PSCOC Outside of Adequacy Awards 10-18-19

DECLARATION OF AWARD ACCEPTANCE

The undersigned below hereby certifies that the 2019-2020 Outside of Adequacy Appropriation Award to the Bloomfield School District are rejected or accepted as indicated in Attachment A.

All project specific contingencies and additional conditions that were adopted by the PSCOC at the meeting on October 18, 2019 are understood and accepted. The awarded funds will be expended only for the stated uses and all contingencies will be the responsibility of the district.

ACCEPTED BY:



School Board President
Bloomfield School District

DATE: 10/28/2019



Dr. Kimberly Mizell, Superintendent
Bloomfield School District

DATE: 10-29-19

The awarded grant will be used to increase student and staff safety at Naaba Ani Elementary by renovating and repurposing existing building space within the school. Naaba Ani, like most other schools in our district and throughout the state, is an old school in which its design back in the 1980's. This design did not include strategic placement of the school office within the building to serve as a level of security for individuals wishing to gain access to the building. Five of our seven buildings which were built in the 1950's to the 1980's. Usually construction of an office space takes place during initial construction of the building, in which Naaba Ani was constructed in 1987. There is a need to modify our schools to meet new safety needs. This observation was equally noted during a PSFA Threat Security Inspection conducted in 2018 which identified the following safety recommendations:

- the need to locate the front office so that it is a controlled area which staff could limit access into the building to prevent intruders
- ensuring staff members are in a safe location and have a safe place to retreat if threatened
- ensuring there are counters and windows to protect office staff
- ensuring that the office is located near the main entry with the availability to see approaching visitors from normal working positions
- the need to minimize access to the entire school from the main entry to the building
- the need to relocate the office location to improve overall safety for the school

*Items addressed from CPTED – School Security Walkthrough Checklist conducted by Richard McKelvey 2018

To conduct such a project requires funds that are normally not available to our school district. Due to our population and economic down-trend, our tax base is relatively small and limits the funding our district may receive. Our district also borders a checkerboard area in which lands are divided between federal and county jurisdiction. This unique situation is why we draw Impact Aid. Although, historically a large portion of that Impact Aid has not been given to our district which minimizes the funds that could be used to conduct such projects. As mentioned before, safety demands have thus evolved since the 1980's and our older schools need modifications that will aid in keeping our students and staff safe from potential threats. For us that threat is real especially since our neighbors who are relatively 6 miles to the North (Aztec, New Mexico) experienced a horrific event in 2017. With changing times, the space needed to provide essential layers of security has changed. This change makes such security projects fall outside of adequacy as the projects would normally not be funded. Based on the legislative intent, this project meets the criteria of need and funding which would normally fall outside of adequacy. We are grateful for the award and are looking forward to improving the level of security we can provide to our staff and students.