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MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents, Charter School Leaders and Business Managers

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FROM: Gwen Perea Warniment, Deputy Secretary, Teaching Learning & Assessment

RE: New Mexico State Appropriation-OpenSciEd Expansion Initiative (27202)

During the 2021 legislative session, the state appropriated funding for the OpenSciEd Expansion Initiative. The New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) has determined its final FY 21-22 award for the OpenSciEd Expansion Initiative which is illustrated on Exhibit A. This funding is to be used specifically for curriculum kits, science materials and teacher stipends, as identified beginning in the supplement section on page three of this award letter. This award is based upon reimbursable expenditures. Adherence to the requirements as detailed in the supplement and documentation supporting expenditures is required.

Please note the following New Mexico State Legislation appropriation information and compliance requirements specific to this award:

Award Name: OpenSciEd Expansion Initiative
Funding Agency: NM Public Education Department, Special Appropriation Fund; Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math Initiative, NM Laws of 2021, Section 4, Item (I)
Compliance Requirements: NM Procurement Code (1.4.1 NMAC), Procurement Code (13-1-28 through 13-1-99) NMSA 1978
NM Department of Finance Administration Rules and Regulations
https://www.nmdfa.state.nm.us/financial-control/resource-information

Please submit a Budget Adjustment Request (BAR) for the award amount indicated on Exhibit A using **Fund Code 27202** and **Revenue Code 43202** within the Operating Budget Management System (OBMS) located on the PED OBMS website. Please attach a copy of this award memo including the Supplement and Exhibit A to the BAR.

This award is effective for the fiscal year period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 upon receiving PED approved budget authority in OBMS. The award amount must be fully expended by June 30, 2022. The last day to submit requests for reimbursement for FY22 will be **July 7, 2022**.

If you have fiscal questions, please contact Susan Lucero, Fiscal Grants Management Bureau at Susan.Lucero@state.nm.us, (505) 827-3848. If you have programmatic questions, please contact Yanira Vazquez, Math and Science Bureau Director, at 505–469–3717 or Yanira.vazquez@state.nm.us.

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Enc. (2): Supplement
Exhibit A

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NM Public Education Department's Math and Science Bureau (MSB) OpenSciEd Expansion Initiative

SUPPLEMENT

PURPOSE OF FUNDING

The purpose of this award is to support high-quality science instruction in middle schools (grades 6–8). This initiative is designed to support schools to go beyond just downloading curriculum and instead support teachers and leaders adopting and implementing this cutting-edge innovative science curriculum. Schools participating are leveraging high quality, open-source, science curriculum units. The units are fully aligned to the New Mexico STEM Ready! Science Standards. The NM STEM Ready! Science Standards are composed of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and the NM six specific standards.

Qualifying entities designated to receive funds were based on those entities who submitted an application through the OpenSciEd Middle School Expansion Requests for Application. Please refer to the school submitted application.

DEFINITIONS

High quality, open-source, science curriculum units

For the purpose of this award, high quality, open-source science curriculum units mean the OpenSciEd grades 6–8 curriculum units.

ALLOWABLE USES OF FUNDING

Funds may only be used as follows based on the OpenSciEd Expansion Application, summarized as:

- Stipends for teachers
- Curriculum implementation materials
    - Purchasing of OpenSciEd instructional kits
    - Purchasing of standard or specialized science equipment
    - Purchasing classroom materials
    - Printing materials

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AWARD DESIGNATIONS

This award is designated to fund the following school(s) at the respective funding level as identified. ***Financial reporting of expenditures at the cost center level per school is required.***

School	Subaward Amount
Albuquerque School of Excellence	$5,100.00
El Camino Real Academy	$6,800.00
Heights Middle School	$10,200.00
Mesa View Elementary	$5,100.00
Monte del Sol Charter School	$5,100.00
Rio Gallinas School for Ecology and the Arts	$3,400.00
Robert F. Kennedy Middle School	$1,700.00
San Diego Riverside Charter School	$1,700.00
Sandoval Academy of Bilingual Education	$1,700.00
Snell Middle School	$3,400.00
Taos Integrated School of the Arts	$1,700.00
Taos Municipal Charter School	$3,400.00
TOTAL	$49,300.00

Indirect Cost Rate

Indirect costs are **NOT ALLOWED**

Non-Eligible Costs

The following are not allowable uses of these funds:

Support for existing athletic programs (while a physical activity component can be part of the after school program, use of these funds to support existing athletic programs are prohibited).

Purchase of food for snacks or meals (the district is encouraged to apply for separate after school snack or afterschool meal funding available through the PED Student Success and Wellness Bureau's After-School Snack Program or Children Youth and Families Department). Purchase of food during field trips **may** by allowable with prior PED approval.