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SUPERINTENDENT TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Dr. Randy Shaver, Superintendent Tupelo Public School District Post Office Box 557 Tupelo, MS 38802-0557

Dear Dr. Shaver:

This letter is official notification of your district's grant award for Federal Education Jobs (Ed Jobs) funds.

District Name: TUPELO

Award Number: 4120

Grant Amount: \$1,318,452.00

Period of Availability: August 10, 2010 through September 30, 2012

CFDA Number: 84.410A Education Jobs Fund

Required School District Financial Accounting Manual Fund Number: 2550

Required School District Financial Accounting Manual Revenue Function Number: 4471

These funds will be accessed through the Mississippi Department of Education, School Payment System (SPS). Funds will be drawn down from SPS on a reimbursement basis. Ed Jobs funds are subject to the requirements of the Cash Management Improvement Act. Districts must insure that funds drawn down * are expended within three days of receipt of funds. This includes completing all accounting entries required to show that the funds were expended in a timely manner.

District agrees to use these funds in accordance with the Education Jobs Fund program authorized under section 101 of Public Law No. 111-226(Act). An LEA must use its funds only for compensation and benefits and other expenses, such as support services, necessary to retain existing employees, to recall or rehire former employees, and to hire new employees, in order to provide early childhood, elementary, or secondary educational and related services. For purposes of this program, the phrase "compensation and benefits and other expenses, such as support services" includes, among other things, salaries, performance bonuses, health insurance, retirement benefits, incentives for early retirement, pension fund contributions, tuition reimbursement, student loan repayment assistance, transportation subsidies, and reimbursement for childcare expenses.

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An LEA may use the funds to pay the salaries of teachers and other employees who provide school-level educational and related services. In addition to teachers, employees supported with program funds may include, among others, principals, assistant principals, academic coaches, in-service teacher trainers, classroom aides, counselors, librarians, secretaries, social workers, psychologists, interpreters, physical therapists, speech therapists, occupational therapists, information technology personnel, nurses, athletic coaches, security officers, custodians, maintenance workers, bus drivers, and cafeteria workers.

LEAs must fulfill the reporting requirements under section 1512 of ARRA. Specifically, the State will submit quarterly reports on its own behalf and on behalf of its LEAs that describe, among other things, how those funds were used.

Sincerely,

Todd Ivey, Bureau Manager

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