

Legislative Education Study Committee

K3 Plus

Deming Public Schools

June 14, 2017

K3 Plus Session	Planning Enrollment/ Attendance	K3 Plus Funding	Title 1 Funds for Grades 4 and 5
2015	1137 / 947	\$1,418,410.98	\$133,926
2016	958 / 820	\$928,302.00	\$83,486
2017	429	\$528,670.00	N/A

Deming Public Schools consolidated the K3 Plus program to 2 sites, Ruben Torres Elementary and Columbus Elementary; a reduction of four from previous years. Due to reductions in Title 1 funds of \$900,000 (\$400,000 SY16-17 & \$500,000 SY17-18), our summer program will not include grades 4 and 5.

While all elementary schools in Deming are impacted by the cuts in funding, Columbus Elementary will be impacted the most. Columbus Elementary, located in Columbus, New Mexico and three miles from the Mexican border, has experienced a 95% participation rate in previous years. The leadership and staff attribute their turnaround in school improvement to the extra 25 days of instruction K-3 Plus provides as well as in inclusion of grades 4 & 5 through Title I funds. Columbus Elementary had a school grade of "F" in SY-2012-13. Since then, the school scored a "B" in SY13-14, "B" in SY14-15 and a "C" in SY15-16. The reductions in funding will impact their participation by 60%.

The Deming community understands that programmatic changes needed to be made due to funding reduction. There has, however, been much concern as to whether the combined impact of reductions of many interconnected Funding sources has been considered or studied.

The Early Literacy Bureau has been working with the Deming Public Schools to allow for flexibility from the original application for funding to adjust from 6 sites for 850 plus students to 2 sites servicing 429 students.

Communication with the NMPED has occurred through email and phone calls explaining the effects of the reductions and how Deming proposes to alter the original application to service the students in most need of intervention and that would benefit from the additional 25 days of instruction.

Lastly, the cuts in funding will have an impact to the local economy due to the number of educators who will not be receiving a paycheck through the summer.