

July 22, 2008 - Murtha: Intermediate Unit #1 Receives Education Grant

WASHINGTON,

D.C. -- Congressman John P. Murtha, Chairman of the House

Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, announced today that the U.S.

Department of Education has awarded Intermediate Unit #1 a grant in the amount of

\$147,037 for the professional development for arts educators program. Intermediate Unit #1 provides curriculum development, educational planning, and special education and instruction services for children and adults in Fayette, Greene and Washington Counties.

The project, entitled "Arts Educator 2.0," will create a staff-development program to assist art and music educators throughout the Intermediate Unit. Program mentors will observe educators in the classroom to guide future professional development services. A minimum of twenty K-12 visual arts and music educators that are teaching throughout Intermediate Unit #1 will participate.

The project aims to improve the retention of highly-qualified staff and increase student engagement, thus improving student achievement.

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