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MNPS Earns Coveted Teaching American History Grant

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (July 3, 2006) – The U.S. Department of Education has awarded Metro Nashville Public Schools a grant totaling nearly one million dollars to expand American history learning experiences in its elementary, middle and high schools. MNPS was selected to receive the federal funds following an exhaustive D.O.E. review of applications submitted by hundreds of school districts across the United States.

“We’re delighted to have these additional dollars to boost our Teaching American History program,” said MNPS Chief Instructional Officer Dr. Sandy Johnson. “By understanding the past, our students can be better citizens, prepared to shape the future. We also know American History is a subject that allows students to improve many learning skills, including research, writing and critical thinking.”

The \$991,574 grant will be used over a three year period in a variety of ways, including seminars on historical events and people, instructional materials, institutes for teachers and field trips.

“Nashville is a great place to teach and explore American history,” said Todd Wigginton, MNPS Social Studies Coordinator. “We’re surrounded by reminders of our past, with the Hermitage, Traveller’s Rest, Fort Nashboro, Mansker’s Station, Stones River Battlefield, the Alvin York statue and other national treasures in our own backyard. We’re excited about the additional funding to help our children understand how these places and people – and many others – contributed to the development of our nation.”

Metro Nashville Public Schools provide a range of educational opportunities to more than 74,000 students in Nashville and Davidson County. The governing body for MNPS is the Metropolitan Nashville Board of Public Education, a nine-member group elected by residents of Metropolitan Nashville. For more information, please visit www.mnps.org or call the MNPS Customer Service Center at 259-INFO.

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