



MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
PARTNERSHIP
for the **ARTS** 
2008-2009

Goals

The primary goals of the *MPS Partnership for the Arts* are to:

- Expand arts-related experiences for MPS children, youth, and adults accompanying children in activities.
- Increase the number of enriching activities that connect the arts to academic learning.
- Strengthen existing and establish new community partnerships that motivate students to higher levels of academic and artistic achievement.
- Increase resources and support for arts education in the schools and community.

The *MPS Partnership for the Arts* - Criteria

- The Milwaukee Board of School Directors provided \$1.1 million in public funds from the Extension Fund to support arts education activities for the 2008-09 school year and summer 2009.
- Funds will only be released when a dollar-for-dollar resource match is received from outside MPS to support a project or activity. Matching resources must be current fiscal year resources.
- The Extension Fund dollars may only be used to fund arts-related activities outside of the regular school day, i.e., before and after-school, Saturdays, and summer programs.
- Matching resources may be used to fund arts-related activities during the regular school day and may include in-kind services. Examples of in-kind services include: art supplies for arts activity, musical instruments, instructors' time, supervision of activity by partner support staff, non-MPS facility building rental, staff training, and transportation. Matching resource contributions must be a minimum of \$3,000.
- Extension fund resources must be accessible to community arts groups providing services to Milwaukee's children, youth, and adults accompanying children in arts-related activities.

2008-2009 Summary

- Received 30 proposals totaling \$1,254,710.
- After careful review, 24 projects are recommended totaling \$901,238.
- Approximately 20,000 students are being served in 130 schools and citywide.
- 7 of the projects are over \$50,000 and require the Board's approval. The School Board approved these projects at the November 20, 2008 meeting.
- 10 projects are being conducted during the 2008-09 school year, 3 projects will be held during the summer 2009, and 11 projects will be implemented both during the school year and summer.
- All of the approved projects had documented matching resources.
- 19 of the 24 recommended projects or 79% have documented cash matches that were awarded by foundations or individuals to the partner arts organization to support the projects. Cash matches totaled \$774,503.
- The projects will provide a *wide variety of art experiences* for children: instrumental music, visual art, children's theater, dance, multicultural arts, ballet, children's choir, poetry, stained glass, pre-college art classes, summer arts camps, and more.
- Projects will also provide a *balance of services to schools* that do not currently have an art or music specialist or have limited services, as well as to schools that have an arts focus that are in need of additional resources to enhance current programming.
- Over 30 community arts partners are participating. The *level of experience of the community arts partners* that will be providing services is varied, including large, well established, and well-known arts organizations and qualified, experienced individual artists.