

## **MEMORANDUM**

March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**to:** District Superintendents  
Charter School Directors  
Regional Service Center Directors  
District Arts Coordinators

**from:** Dr. Patti Harrington, State Superintendent of Public Instruction  
Margaret Hunt, Director, Utah Arts Council

### **Notice of Requests for Proposals for the Beverley Taylor Sorenson Enhanced Arts Learning Grants Program**

During the 2008 Legislative session, \$15.82 million was appropriated over four years for the Beverley Taylor Sorenson Enhanced Learning Arts Grants Program. These funds will be available to districts and charter schools through a competitive grants process to fund arts programs in elementary schools. The grant will be administered through a partnership with the Utah Arts Council and the Utah State Office of Education, collaborating with **art works for kids!** and the Utah Parent Teacher Association.

The legislature's funding will initially enable approximately 50 elementary schools in the state of Utah to hire well-qualified arts specialists to teach alongside certified classroom teachers for the next four years. Schools will also be able to apply for one-time funds for arts instructional materials, equipment, supplies and other necessary funds such as travel and reimbursement for workshops. In addition, matching funds will be made available to selected school districts who currently do not have a full-time district arts coordinators to enable them to hire for this position.

Grant guidelines and application forms will be available soon.

There will be regional workshops for applicants to get assistance in formulating and submitting proposals.