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MINISTRY OF CULTURE STRENGTHENS COMMUNITY BY SUPPORTING ARTS EDUCATION IN THUNDER BAY

Funding Will Help Arts Programming In Schools And Community

THUNDER BAY — The Ministry of Culture is strengthening the community by supporting the Community Arts and Heritage Education Project, Minister of Culture Madeleine Meilleur announced today.

“Arts and culture have a unique and significant role to play in the education of our students,” said Meilleur. “Our government is pleased to support the Community Arts and Heritage Education Project (CAHEP), which will help students build their confidence, express their individuality, and foster their sense of community through exposure to the arts.”

The project brings together artists, performers, educators, cultural and community organizations to create opportunities for elementary students to learn and grow through arts and heritage experiences. Funding will support the creation of a resource manual for those educators and communities who express an interest in developing and implementing a community arts education program for school-aged children. The Ontario government is investing \$9,300 in this project.

“CAHEP has become a valuable resource to local teachers and artists for understanding the long-term importance arts and heritage play in building vibrant communities,” said Lila Cano, Coordinator of CAHEP. “Effective partnerships between schools and the arts community benefit students and strengthen arts education in both settings.”

“The Community Arts and Heritage Education Project has proven itself to be a leader in the field of arts education for children and communities,” said Michael Gravelle, MPP for Thunder Bay – Superior North. “To have this expertise and innovative programming here in Northwestern Ontario brings out the creative best in our community.”

“Arts education helps children to develop and learn,” said Meilleur. “Through this funding, our government is supporting another opportunity to ensure that our students have the best chance to succeed and realize their full potential.”

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