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Charles County Arts Alliance Awards a Grant to the Charles County Public Schools Music Department



Grant to Benefit 2,900 Music Students in Band, Orchestra and Choirs

On February 13, 2018, the Charles County Arts Alliance presented a check for \$4,950.00, to Dr. Kim Hill, Superintendent of the Charles County Public Schools, to fund a project that will bring in talented teachers, artists, and clinicians to work with middle and high school bands, orchestra and choirs. Making the presentation from the Arts Alliance was Gale Kladitis, President; Robert Rausch, Vice President; Ron Brown, Secretary-Treasurer, and Maryland State Arts Council Program Director Steven Skerritt-Davis.

Tim Bodamer, the Content Specialist for Fine and Performing Arts, will meet with the clinicians throughout the project to secure feedback that will lead to future training and instructional needs. He will also meet with teachers to discuss the effectiveness of the sessions and the benefits that the teachers and students have gained from the

experience.

The clinicians will travel between schools and spend approximately 2 hours with each ensemble. The students are provided the opportunity to experiment with new techniques and concepts, and come away from the experience with newfound energy and inspiration. The added professional instruction will help the students gain insight and maximize their performance potential in the weeks leading up to a large ensemble performance assessment.

The preparation for the assessments will involve over 2,900 students and 36 teachers in 8 middle schools and 7 high schools. The clinics were held in February, with the assessments taking place on March 13 - 16, 2018.

The Arts Alliance plans to continue similar support for the Music Department next year.

The mission of the Charles County Arts Alliance is to stimulate, promote, encourage and provide recognition of the arts and the creative spirit in Charles County. For more information about the Arts Alliance, visit www.charlescountyarts.org.