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MNPS Schools Awarded Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (May 26, 2009) – Eight MNPS schools will work to make students healthier in the 2009-2010 school year thanks to more than \$169,000 in funding from the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP). The following elementary schools will receive funds to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables for students:

- Hattie Cotton Elementary \$27,154
- Glenview Elementary \$31,313
- Haywood Elementary \$33,417
- Hermitage Elementary \$12,174
- KIPP Academy \$7,315
- Murrell School \$3,206
- Shwab Elementary \$15,130
- Una Elementary \$40,030

In all, Metro Schools will receive \$169,739 from the state program. Schools principals will work with their cafeteria managers to coordinate the purchase and distribution of fresh fruits and vegetables. These healthy snacks will be free for all students.

During the 2008-2009 school year, H.G. Hill Middle and Haynes Design Center participated in the program. Over the course of the year, students were provided more than \$18,000 worth of fresh fruits and vegetables.

About FFVP

The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program was created by the 2008 farm bill. Its primary goals are to create healthier school environments by providing healthier food choices, to expand the variety of fruits and vegetables children experience, to increase children's fruit and vegetable consumptions, and to make a difference in children's diets to impact their present and future health. This program is an important component in combating childhood obesity and has been made a permanent program under the National School Lunch Act.

Metro Nashville Public Schools provide a range of educational opportunities to more than 75,000 students in Nashville and Davidson County. The governing body for MNPS is the Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County Board of Public Education, a nine-member group elected by residents of Metropolitan Nashville. For more information, please visit www.mnps.org.

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