



Waterford School District Awarded NEA (NFIE) Innovation Grant

June 10, 2004, Waterford, Mich. - The National Education Association has awarded the Waterford School District a \$3200 NEA National Foundation for the Improvement of Education (NFIE) Innovation Grant to increase awareness and understanding of Mexican and Latin American art, music, culture, history, and people.

The NFIE awards grants to provide technical assistance to educators who propose promising solutions to the pressing challenges confronting the education community. It aims to ensure that all educators have opportunities throughout their professional lives to acquire new knowledge and develop new instructional skills to improve the academic achievement of students.

Performing and Visual Arts Teachers Janell Koski and Bob Craner applied for this grant and will use the award to coordinate a variety of activities relating to Mexico and Latin America including field trips to the Detroit Museum of Art, art exhibits and projects, dances, and a Mariachi Band Assembly. The NFIE awarded this same grant to the Waterford School District two years ago and was used to study the people of Africa.

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