



## Waterford School District Selected to Participate in Unique State of Michigan Program

**May 5, 2004 Waterford, Mich.** - The Waterford School District will participate with the State of Michigan Department of History, Arts, and Libraries, in a pilot program called Michigan History BRIDGE (Broad Roots, Inter-active Delivery, Guaranteed Enjoyment Education). Waterford is one of a select few districts, to be selected to assemble a team and participate in this pilot aimed at combining art, music, and social studies curricula.

The goal of Michigan History BRIDGE is to develop and implement a Michigan history curriculum for elementary school students around traditional music and art. With Michigan historical themes as organizing constructs, the Michigan History BRIDGE partners have prepared teacher education materials and student activities that meet the Michigan Department of Education Core Curriculum Standards and Benchmarks for grades K-12.

Michigan History BRIDGE is a collaborative venture between the Michigan Historical Museum and BRIDGE. BRIDGE founding artists are Neil Woodward, Michigan's official State Troubadour, and Barbara Cicchelli, and artist and teacher with multiple certifications and 30 years experience in Michigan public schools, including the Waterford School District.

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