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MCCPTA Cultural Arts Committee Report

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On January 11th, I sent out on the PTArts listserv the Cultural Arts Budget Survey for the 2008-09 schoolyear. This year I have received responses from 58 schools in the county after putting out a request for updated budget information. Of these 58 schools, 21 have had an increase in their Cultural Arts budgets over last year, 20 schools had a decrease, and 17 schools' budgets remained the same. I indicated on the list whether the information given for each school is current or from a previous year.

I have also used the PTArts listserv recently to put out information about an upcoming Artist-Teacher conference being given by the Maryland State Arts Council at the Howard County Center for the Arts in Ellicott City, on February 25th. This will be a good opportunity for all our county schools' Cultural Arts chairpersons to meet and discuss residency programs with teaching artists in four disciplines: performing arts, visual arts, poetry, and playwriting. Christine Stewart, the Arts in Education Program Director, will be reviewing residency requirements for each discipline, and giving two sessions on how to fill out the eGRANT online Arts in Education application.