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### **MASD Selected for National Arts Initiative**

All seven Moon Area School District buildings have been awarded the Picturing America program, an initiative from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The program helps teach American history and U.S. culture by incorporating artwork by American artists into individual classrooms.

Allard, Bon Meade, Brooks, Hyde and McCormick elementary schools and Moon Area Middle and High schools each will receive 40 high-quality reproductions of American art. Teachers will be given materials to facilitate the inclusion of the works of art into core subject areas of language arts, social studies, literature and civics during the 2009-10 school year.

Masterpieces distributed in the program include Gilbert Stuart's portrait of George Washington, Alexander Gardner's photograph of Abraham Lincoln, Emanuel Leutze's "Washington Crossing the Delaware," Norman Rockwell's "Freedom of Speech" and Black Hawk's "Sans Arc Lakota Ledger Book."

Each piece is chosen for its ability to expand a school's educational potential by allowing art to illustrate traditional lessons like those in democracy and great leaders.

Picturing America was launched nationally in February 2008 and awarded to over 26,000 schools and public libraries across the country in the first application period. To date, over 76,000 schools, public libraries and Head Start centers nationwide have been awarded this free education resource. Moon Township Public Library was a recipient of the initiative in 2008.

For more information on the program, visit <http://picturingamerica.neh.gov>.