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### **Senator Jeff Smith Announces City Academy to Receive Education Grant from Missouri Arts Council**

JEFFERSON CITY — Senator Jeff Smith, D-St. Louis, has announced that City Academy, 4175 North Kingshighway Blvd., will receive a \$7,373 *Artist in Residence* grant from the Missouri Arts Council.

The arts education grant will enable City Academy students to learn from artists affiliated with STAGES St. Louis and the Shakespeare Festival of St. Louis. Fourth through sixth graders will have the opportunity to participate in a 10-week after-school musical theater program with STAGES in the fall and a five-week acting workshop in the spring. Throughout the winter and spring, Shakespeare Festival of St. Louis will work with third and fourth graders to prepare them to perform in an adaptation of *Hamlet*.

City Academy is a private, independent elementary school located in North St. Louis dedicated to serving committed families who would otherwise have limited educational opportunities. This is the sixth year City Academy students have worked with artists from STAGES, and the fifth year with artists affiliated with the Shakespeare Festival.

"City Academy is one of St. Louis's finest elementary schools. Its administration and faculty recognize how beneficial artistic opportunities can be for students, and I'm delighted this grant will support the school's successful arts program," Sen. Smith said.

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