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Dear Fayetteville resident:

My upper level Visual Art students at Terry Sanford High School have the distinct advantage and amazing opportunity to create a mural based on the past, present, and future of the Fayetteville during the Centennial Celebration of our high school and Fayetteville’s 250th birthday! These are experienced art students, who have been selected for participation in a Kenan Fellowship Project through NC State University in collaboration with Terry Sanford High School to provide a mural for exhibition in celebration both of these events. This project has been endorsed by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, by the Kenan Fellows Program in conjunction with NC State University, by Cumberland County Schools, by Fayetteville and Cumberland County governments, and by the FTS Administration.

This is also an innovative and unique occasion in which you can participate with your fellow community members in helping us to fulfill this amazing endeavor! To contribute to our mural creation, my students need you to assist them in relevant, hands-on research by helping them to gather lightweight artifacts, pictorial sources like artist sketches, architectural plans and drawings, hand written narratives and letters, and photography about our city and community based on the past, present, or future of the Fayetteville, concentrating on and including our city’s events, celebrations, the arts, cultures, military, education, landmarks, landscape, cityscape, people, government, transportation, and religion. They may also want to interview you or take a supervised tour of your facility while they gather information. (Onsite digital photographs can be made of valuable documents so that you retain the original unless you want to donate an original item.)

When you participate, you will embark on a fabulous journey, in which you will help this student to communicate, connect, collaborate, and create through the infusion of Visual Art with American History, Biology, Environmental Science, Technology, Literacy, Technology, 21st Century Skills, and Interdisciplinary Themes to gain a sense of the real life applications of a Visual Artist. A final critique of our mural will take place with community artists; also a presentation for the student body on the process of the mural creation will be produced and presented so our information must be accurate. There will also be an Art Exhibition for the community in which we will unveil the mural and present it to the school and city of Fayetteville. You will be invited since you are assisting a student with gathering information and sources.

It is not often that high school students are given the privilege of being involved in this type of real life application of Visual Art content knowledge; so I thank you for your willingness to assist this student.

Sincerely,

**Kellie P. Perkins, MA Art Education, BFA Sculpture**

*National Board Certified Visual Art Teacher, Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood*

*Kenan Fellow, Class of 2013*

*Congressional Scholar*

Visual Art Department

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