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	ABC's in Art and Art in ABC's **Mini/Resident:** residence
	ResidenceName: Rick Labadia **ResidenceEmail:** ricklabadia@yahoo.com **ResidenceEmail0:** 860-675-3496
ProjectCategory:	Literacy
Number of Students:	438
Grades:	Kindergarten 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th
Description:	ABC's in Art and Art in ABC's-Author/Illustrator in Residence Our school is seeking funding to invite Rick Labadia (retired West Hartford teacher, author and illustrator) to our school for 5 days for writing and illustration workshops with teachers and students in grades K-5. He will also meet with parents and others in the community to present a literacy workshop. In 2008, Mr. Labadia visited our school for two days when he shared the process of publishing a book with children in kindergarten through 5th grade. This was so well received that teachers have asked for more! In his second visit, Mr. Labadia will focus on the connection between the written text in alphabet picture books and their illustrations. To begin, he would give a Powerpoint presentation on the art and text used in alphabet books. From there, each class will focus on one particular author/illustrator to learn their unique techniques and style. Each child will create a page for a class alphabet book using those techniques, such as collage, pen and ink, etc. The art teacher and media specialist will collaborate in this process. The art teacher will demonstrate different techniques used by illustrators such as Eric Carle, Chris Van Allsburg, Leo Lionni, and Maurice Sendak among others. In the media center, the librarian will lead students in the research of their topic for each class book integrating each grade level with their curriculum. Following is a list of possible books and units to serve as models for the class books: Kindergarten - I Spy-An Alphabet in Art/ artist unit. First grade – Jungle ABC and Jambo Means Hello-a Swahili Alphabet Book/ Kenya unit. Second grade – A to Zen, a Book of Japanes Culture/Japan unit. Third grade - The Bird Alphabet Book/animal adaptations. Fourth grade - Geography From A to Z/geography unit. Fifth grade - V for Vanishing-An Alphabet of Endangered Animals/environmental unit. In addition, Mr. Labadia will present an evening program for parents and others in the community about literacy and writing. Also, a workshop for teachers about teaching literacy will be given during a school meeting time. Finally, the books that have been made by each class will be shared during the art show held in May. While families visit to see student's art work on display throughout the school, they will also visit the library where each class book will be on display. The focus of this project is not only about writing,art, illustration, and integration with the curriculum, but, also about an 'authentic experience' with a published author and illustrator. The class books will be cataloged and kept in the library to be borrowed. This program will be an inspiration for all in the school and will promote the art of writing and illustration as a true process of learning.
Goals:	1)Enrich the writing curriculum throughout all grade levels 2) enrich the arts curriculum throughout all grade levels 3) provide students with authentic learning opportunities 4)increase students' writing for enjoyment and communications. In addition, this program directly supports the following CT. Language Arts Framework Standards: 1) students recognize how literary devices and conventions engage the reader 2) students express, develop and substantiate ideas and experiences through their own writing and artistic and technical presentations 3) students engage in the writing process of planning, drafting, revising, editing, publishing and reflecting. All of the above support the CMT Direct Assessment of Writing which targets fluency, elaboration, organization and coherence of a writing piece.
TimeLine:	Mr. Labadia will visit at the beginning of April for 5 consecutive days. The dates have tentatively been planned and will be booked as soon as funding is secured
Evaluation:	The success of this program will be seen by observing the students' enthusiasm. Teachers and parents will also give us feedback as to the impact of the author's visit. Formal evaluations will be collected from the teachers during the workshop and from parents and children at the 'May Art Show'.

AmountRequested:	1200.00 **Other Requested:** 0	
Materials:		
Equipment		
Supplies		
Honoraria	1200.00	5 Day in residence program for Rick Labadia
Travel		
Shipping		
Mounting		
Installation		
Other		
Other		
TOTAL	1200.00	

PartialFunding: Yes, I will undertake project with partial funding. **ExplainNoReport:** **PrincipalReview:** Yes
LessThreeGrants: LessThanThreeGrants **Permission:** Yes, you have my permission to use my application.
AgreePostProjEval: Yes, I will submit an evaluation.