

I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE TWO GRANTS FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WHICH I BELIEVE WILL HAVE A POSITIVE EFFECT ON THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION OUR STUDENTS IN WEST VIRGINIA RECEIVE AND AN ENHANCEMENT OF THEIR OPPORTUNITY TO FURTHER THEIR EDUCATION PAST THE POST SECONDARY LEVEL.

I WAS NOTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION THIS MORNING THAT THEY HAD AWARDED A GRANT OF \$258,948 TO THE WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION, UNDER THE LIBRARY SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION ACT. THE PURPOSE OF THIS GRANT IS TO CONSTRUCT NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDINGS, AS WELL AS TO ACQUIRE, EXPAND, REMODEL OR ALTER EXISTING BUILDINGS. IT ALSO INCLUDES ARCHITECT FEES AND INITIAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE BUILDINGS.

THIS UPGRADING OF OUR PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM IN WEST VIRGINIA CAN ONLY HAVE A POSITIVE EFFECT ON OUR STUDENTS AS THEY PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE AND ATTEMPT TO FURTHER THEIR EDUCATION.

IT IS ALSO MY PLEASURE TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HAS AWARDED A GRANT OF \$527,900 TO THE WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF REGENTS FOR THE STATE STUDENT INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM. THIS PROGRAM PROVIDES GRANTS TO STUDENTS WITH SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL NEED TO HELP THEM ATTEND POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS. THIS ESPECIALLY HELPFUL TO SOME OF OUR LESS FORTUNATE STUDENTS IN WEST VIRGINIA WHO MIGHT NOT OTHERWISE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND COLLEGE. I AM PLEASED TO SEE THAT THE NEEDS OF WEST VIRGINIA ARE BEING ADDRESSED AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL. THE BEST DEFENSE OF OUR COUNTRY LIES NOT IN MISGUIDED MISSILES BUT IN THE MINDS OF OUR YOUTH - THE FUTURE LEADERS OF OUR STATE AND OUR COUNTRY.

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It is estimated that
some 1,112 students
will be aided in
WV by this program.