

# FUNDRED

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Dear Educators:

This is to invite you and your students to participate in the *Fundred Dollar Bill Project*, a nationwide collaboration to support the elimination of lead poisoning. By drawing and donating individual expressions of currency, everyone is part of a creative investment by the people that is for the future of all the people.

Over the years the project has collected hundreds of thousands of this creative cash and has maintained a mission: representing the value of every child, and every parent, in the effort. The value represented through these drawings will represent a collective voice to support an effort by national agencies and coalitions to eradicate childhood lead poisoning forever.

This project gives a chance for a child to have an amplified voice against what is a true threat to his/her health and future.

Since learning that lead still exists in our environment, of its invisible nature, and of its compromising effects on young people, we have been actively working to develop the many ways we can teach about its presence and creatively engage in its prevention.

Currently nearly half a million of children nationwide are diagnosed with lead poisoning while millions more are at risk. Exposure to lead can result in a range of debilitating effects, including cognitive impairment, behavior and attention disorders as well as the potential for increased violence.

The impact of this issue needs no overstatement. We hope you can join us now, in your role as educators, to help raise awareness and address the harm of lead. The *Fundred Dollar Bill Project* was initiated as a way of giving children a means to represent the value of their creativity against a threat they can't see. The *Fundreds* use the language of currency, of "money", because of it is tangible and evidence for all to see that KIDS ARE WORTH IT.

We now hold over 450,000 individually hand-drawn *Fundred Dollar Bills* from across the country. These drawings will be presented for the first time in Washington D.C. on February 22 in a major exhibition. We will be honored to include your contributions in this presentation to be witnessed by our nations leaders, inviting their commitment to keep kids safe from lead. The goal is to give every child and parent the means to make and donate a *Fundred Dollar Bill* as part of this effort.

For all we have done we this project cannot be accomplished without you. This is an opportunity to educate your students about lead while providing them with a meaningful engagement and take action. The *Fundred Dollar Bill Project* is inspired from historic collective actions of the past that have liberated Americans and enhanced our lives. We hope you can be part of this mission to maximize the potential to finally deliver every child from the threat and compromising effects of lead poisoning.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mel, Amanda, Corrina, Elijah, Layla" followed by a stylized flourish.

Mel, Amanda, Corrina, Elijah, Layla  
The DC Fundred Team