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Census Results Impact K-12 Education Across Indiana

RICHMOND (March 25, 2010) – Richmond school officials discussed the importance of Census participation rates to Indiana education funding during a press conference Thursday, March 25.

“Because distribution of federal education funds is largely population based, a complete census count benefits the 5,400 students in Richmond Community Schools,” said Richmond High School industrial technology teacher Dean Knapp.

Indiana received more than \$641 million from the federal Department of Education in 2008 and an additional \$820 million in federal stimulus dollars were earmarked for Indiana K-12 and higher education. K-12 programs such as special education, rehabilitative services, No Child Left Behind, Title 1 (poverty-based federal grants program) and programs for disadvantaged students are federally funded.

“This is an exciting period in history,” said Mayor Sally Hutton. “The form only takes a few minutes to fill out and the benefits are great. I encourage everyone to send in their 2010 Census as soon as they receive it. Basically, census information creates dollars for our community like neighborhood improvements, road improvements, senior services, education, college grants and so much more.”